

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK  
VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY and MANULIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11150-DPW

**ABBOTT'S CORRECTED DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS FOR LYNN KLOTZ**

Defendant Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott") respectfully submits the attached corrected deposition designations for the November 16, 2006 and May 16, 2007 depositions of Lynn Klotz, Scientific Consultant for Hancock.

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Dated: February 22, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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## Lynn Klotz Deposition Designations

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16 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF LYNN KLOTZ, Ph.D.

17 Thursday, November 16, 2006, 9:10 a.m.

18 Donnelly, Conroy & Gelhaar

19 One Beacon Street

20 Boston, Massachusetts

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22 Reporter: Dana Welch, CSR, RPR

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24 Certified LiveNote Trainer

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter  
2 today is Dana Welch of Merrill Legal  
3 Solutions.

4 Would the reporter please swear in the  
5 witness.

6 LYNN KLOTZ, Ph.D.,  
7 having been satisfactorily identified by the  
8 production of his driver's license, and duly sworn  
9 by the Notary Public, was examined and testified as  
10 follows:

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. WEINBERGER:

13 Q. Good morning. Could you please state  
14 your full name for the record.

15 A. Lynn Charles Klotz.

16 Q. And what is your current address?

17 A. Address? 5 Duley, D-U-L-E-Y, Street in  
18 Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930.

19 Q. Are you currently employed?

20 A. Self-employed.

21 Q. What kind of business do you have?

22 A. 90 percent of the time, I'm working on  
23 arms control policy, national and international  
24 arms control policy and biological chemical

1 weapons. These days, 10 percent of my time on  
2 consulting.

3 Q. And in the 90 percent of your time, are  
4 you working for clients?

5 A. No. I work -- I'm senior science fellow  
6 for the Center for Arms Control and  
7 Nonproliferation in Washington, D.C.

8 (Interruption for clarification by the  
9 reporter.)

10 THE WITNESS: They're an NGO.

11 Q. I have a host of questions for you about  
12 that that are much more interesting than the ones I  
13 want to ask, but I'll forego that.

14 A. Don't -- don't put me on my soapbox  
15 because I have a lot to say.

16 Q. And the other 10 percent of your time, you  
17 do consulting?

18 A. Yeah, these days, yeah. It was 50/50  
19 before.

20 Q. Do you prefer Mister or Doctor?

21 A. Whatever you prefer. Doctor, I suppose.

22 Q. All right. Let's use that. You're a  
23 Ph.D., correct?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. For what purpose were you -- were you  
2 looking at the Friedman report?

3 A. I think just general background.

4 Q. Is there anything in the report that you  
5 noted that you thought was incorrect?

6 A. No. I thought he did a very good job and  
7 thorough.

8 Q. Did you -- when was the last work you did  
9 for John Hancock as a consultant in connection with  
10 this investment?

11 A. The last work was on this investment. It  
12 was the interview with Dr. Leonard at Abbott. And  
13 I wrote up a preliminary memo on what -- what --  
14 how the interview went and what was said.

15 Q. Okay. We'll be looking at that.

16 That was sometime in the -- in 2000,  
17 correct?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And since then, you've done -- besides the  
20 preparation for this deposition, you've done no  
21 work on this?

22 A. Well, a year ago, I was retained by Choate  
23 Hall and Stewart to -- to look into some of the  
24 technical issues.

1 Q. What technical issues were you retained to  
2 look at?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. He's not -- we are  
4 not planning on calling him as a testifying  
5 expert. We have retained him as an  
6 independent consultant non-testifying; so work  
7 that he's done for us we would regard as work  
8 product.

9 So I'm going to instruct him not to answer  
10 questions about that work. He's certainly  
11 free to answer any questions about the work  
12 that he did pertaining to this transaction  
13 before he was retained as an independent  
14 consultant.

15 Q. All right. When -- when exactly were you  
16 retained; do you know?

17 A. I can't say exactly. I'm guess -- spring  
18 of 2000 would be my guess.

19 Q. I mean, in terms of the consultation --  
20 strike that.

21 In terms of the retention by Choate  
22 Hall --

23 A. About -- about a year ago.

24 Q. About a year ago.

1 (Interruption for clarification by the  
2 reporter.)

3 (Off-the-record discussion.)

4 Q. And I -- and I know you know what I'm  
5 going to say, but you've got to wait.

6 The other thing is, is sometimes I  
7 pause --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- in the middle of a sentence because I  
10 want to get it right so that we have a clear  
11 record.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. And that's not really an invitation for  
14 you to jump in and answer.

15 A. May have to remind me a few times.

16 Q. All right. We're not in a rush. It's not  
17 a speed contest.

18 The -- I think the question was, when were  
19 you retained by Choate Hall in connection with this  
20 case?

21 A. About a year ago.

22 Q. And about how much time have you spent on  
23 the matter?

24 A. About a year ago, I spent maybe two, three

1 weeks.

2 Q. If you could just answer this yes or no.

3 Did you prepare any -- anything in writing in

4 connection with this --

5 MR. DAVIS: Objection. I don't think

6 that -- I instruct him not to answer that

7 question.

8 I mean, again, he's not a testifying

9 expert, so I don't think you're entitled to

10 inquire on work that he's done in a

11 non-testifying basis.

12 MR. WEINBERGER: Well, yeah, I -- I

13 understand. But I -- I think that because he

14 is a percipient witness, I'm at least entitled

15 to, without getting into the substance of the

16 work, to test whether that's -- you know, it's

17 a legitimate claim or privilege by asking

18 about the existence of things without going

19 into the substance, I think I'm entitled to do

20 that.

21 MR. DAVIS: No, I don't think you are.

22 We've disclosed the fact that we retained him

23 as a non-testifying expert. And actually, I

24 don't think you're entitled to any more than

1 A. Yeah. All right.

2 Q. Let -- let me just rephrase.

3 A. Up to that point. Okay.

4 MR. WEINBERGER: Thank you, Brian.

5 Q. Other than the contact you had about

6 documents --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- in between the time of your interview

9 with Dr. Leonard and Mr. Blewitt and your retention

10 as an independent consultant in this case, did you

11 have contacts with anybody at John Hancock about

12 this litigation?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you have any contacts with Mr. Blewitt

15 about anything?

16 A. Yes, shortly after the Leonard interview.

17 Not verbal, but I sent him an e-mail which was the

18 summary of the e-mail.

19 Q. I see.

20 A. And that was it.

21 Q. And that was it?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And that was the last time you spoke to

24 Mr. -- and was that the last time you spoke to



1 Mr. Blewitt until you became -- you were retained  
2 as an independent consultant in this case?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. When were you first retained  
5 by John Hancock in connection with the  
6 investment -- well, let's strike that. Let's make  
7 sure we're clear.

8 You -- you're -- you're familiar with the investment  
9 which is the subject of this litigation, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you -- you were retained by John  
12 Hancock as a consultant in connection with  
13 evaluating that investment?

14 A. On the technical end, not on the dollars  
15 end.

16 Q. All right. When were you retained by John  
17 Hancock in connection with this?

18 A. Spring of -- spring of 2000. And I don't  
19 remember exactly.

20 Q. Okay.

21 MR. WEINBERGER: Let's mark as Klotz

22 Exhibit 1 a document dated May 1, 2000;

23 appears to be a draft or a letter from Lynn

24 Klotz to John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

1 (Exhibit No. 1, JH 001691 - 001693, marked  
2 for identification.)

3 Q. Dr. Klotz, this appears to be a proposed  
4 consulting or confidentiality agreement --

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. -- that you proposed to John Hancock; is  
7 that correct?

8 A. Yes. Their language, so they probably  
9 sent it to me in that form.

10 Q. And do you know if this was in connection  
11 with the investment transaction which is the  
12 subject of this litigation?

13 A. I assume it would be, yes.

14 Q. So that helped place the time -- time  
15 frame in which you began this work?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Roughly May 2000?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. WEINBERGER: Let me ask the reporter  
20 to mark as Klotz Exhibit 2 an e-mail dated  
21 June 2nd with an attached document.

22 (Exhibit No. 2, JH 003089- 003100, marked  
23 for identification.)

24 (Off-the-record discussion held.)

1 Q. Okay. Have you had a chance to look at

2 Klotz Exhibit 2?

3 A. Oh, you want me --

4 Q. All right. So the first page of Klotz

5 Exhibit 2 appears to be an e-mail that you sent to

6 Mr. Blewitt --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- on June 2; is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. And in that, you attach your

11 CV. Is the attachment --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You definitely need to -- to wait until I

14 finish. People think that it speeds up the

15 deposition, but in fact it -- it really winds up

16 taking a lot more time.

17 MR. DAVIS: Please wait until he finishes

18 the question and then you answer.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.

21 Q. All right. So then I have to go back and

22 think about what I was going to ask.

23 It states that attached is a CV. Is the

24 attachment a CV of yours that was current as of the

1 time frame of June 2000?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q. All right. Now, in the e-mail, you refer  
4 to an idea of -- Mr. Blewitt's idea about financing  
5 baskets of drugs combined with options to convert  
6 to stock targeted to companies of sufficient  
7 size --

8 (Interruption for clarification by the  
9 reporter.)

10 MR. WEINBERGER: Let me -- let me  
11 rephrase.

12 Q. The e-mail refers to a concept of  
13 financing baskets of drugs and goes on to state  
14 some other attributes. Was that something that  
15 Mr. Blewitt had raised with you?

16 A. Yes. The basket of drugs, I remember.  
17 The rest of the sort of thoughts about business  
18 structure, I don't remember. But I wrote it and he  
19 must have phrased it to me or something like that.

20 Q. Has this -- was this an idea that you had  
21 not previously had experience with?

22 A. We --

23 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

24 THE WITNESS: We -- yeah, we did discuss.

1 I was trying to -- because I had done a couple  
2 of shorter consulting projects for him and I  
3 was trying to understand what he was thinking  
4 of in terms of investment strategies. So we  
5 had had some discussions. And one of the  
6 things I definitely remember is that he made  
7 the comment, and I've heard this from other  
8 financial types before, is that you have to do  
9 this much work investing in a company that's  
10 worth \$10 million as one that's worth  
11 \$100 million, so you might as well just think  
12 about big investments. So I knew he was  
13 hunting for bigger things.

14 Q. Why is that, because of the due diligence  
15 requirement?

16 MR. WEINBERGER: Objection. You can  
17 respond.

18 THE WITNESS: No. I just -- I think -- I  
19 mean, obviously, I'm assuming -- well, let me  
20 answer it from my side, not his because I  
21 can't assume what he was thinking. It's just  
22 that if you do a lot of work and you're a big  
23 financial company and you have lots of money  
24 that you are supposed to invest, that you

1 should look for larger investments. And that

2 was my take on it.

3 Q. So, in other words, the concept of

4 financing baskets of drugs would -- would lead to a

5 bigger investment?

6 A. It likely would. It also had a lot of

7 other attributes I liked, especially because it was

8 Abbott.

9 Q. And what attributes were those?

10 A. Well, small biotech companies are risky

11 from about every point of view. I mean, I can go

12 into that at some point if you want. But large

13 pharmaceutical companies know how to go through

14 discovery and through development into the

15 marketplace, so it'd be a less risky kind of

16 investment relative to biotech companies.

17 Q. Had you had experience with the R&D

18 development by large pharmaceutical companies

19 before?

20 A. No. Mostly -- not before. Mostly small

21 biotech companies, startup companies, lot of

22 experience there.

23 Q. So what experience, if any, did you have

24 with the R&D process of large pharmaceutical

1 companies as of June 2000?

2 A. My main experience was what I learned in  
3 preparing to teach my course on biotechnology and  
4 modern drug discovery and development.

5 Q. Which was when?

6 A. I taught that course three times. It was  
7 once to graduate students at Harvard Extension and  
8 twice in the Harvard Extension School Summer  
9 Executive Program. It was titled something like  
10 that, which was a three-day -- that was a  
11 three-day -- two, three-day versions two years.

12 Q. Okay. And what years?

13 A. Late '90s.

14 Q. All right. And other -- other than that,  
15 you did not have -- did you have any experience  
16 with large pharmaceutical companies, R&D process or  
17 drug development?

18 A. I -- I would say just an academic  
19 experience. I wasn't involved in any projects. I  
20 mean, obviously since small biotech companies  
21 license the big companies, I had to be aware of the  
22 way the companies were thinking.

23 Q. Let's look at the attachment, the CV.

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. Actually, rather than go through this, if  
2 you could just state for me chronologically so we  
3 have this in one place, just a chronological brief  
4 history of your educational and employment and  
5 consulting experience up to the present day, that  
6 would be very helpful.

7 A. Sure. I can do that.

8 I got my bachelor's degree in mathematics  
9 at Princeton in 1965. I was a graduate student and  
10 professor of Bruno Zimm's lab. If you were a  
11 chemist or a microbiologist, you would know him as  
12 a fairly famous physical chemist.

13 (Interruption for clarification by the  
14 reporter.)

15 THE WITNESS: Let me even back up. I got  
16 my bachelor's degree in '65 at Princeton. I  
17 worked for one year after that in the  
18 laboratory of Jacques Fresco, J-A-C-Q-U-E-S,  
19 Fresco at Princeton. I had worked in his  
20 laboratory through undergraduate school and  
21 before undergraduate school had published a  
22 number of papers with him. So I worked for  
23 one year after undergraduate school. Then  
24 went to graduate school at University of



1 California, San Diego. And I actually was  
2 focusing on Bruno Zimm to be my Ph.D. advisor;  
3 he did become my Ph.D. advisor. Got my Ph.D.  
4 in 1971 in chemistry and went straight then to  
5 Harvard junior faculty. That was unusual in  
6 the sense that most people post-op for a while  
7 before they actually get a faculty position.  
8 But I had skill or luck to have a thesis that  
9 was very highly regarded, and so I went  
10 straight to Harvard as an assistant professor.  
11 An assistant professor there for four or five  
12 years. And I can't remember exactly when, but  
13 I got promoted to associate, which at Harvard  
14 is non-tenure. After my eight years, I  
15 suffered the fate of most Harvard junior  
16 faculty who aren't tenured, you have to go  
17 look somewhere else. And in the process of  
18 that, I ran into some people and some of my  
19 ex-students and we started a biotechnology  
20 company, so I got out of academia and got into  
21 the business development end of biotechnology.  
22 Q. Was that BioTechnica?  
23 A. BioTechnica International, yeah.  
24 Q. Okay. Keep going.

1 A. Oh, keep going.

2 I was at BioTechnica maybe for eight  
3 years. The title kept changing, but the work was  
4 the same. I think one title was vice-president of  
5 scientific planning, then it was vice-president of  
6 new business development.

7 MR. DAVIS: I think, Dr. Klotz, you have  
8 to slow down a little bit.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 MR. DAVIS: You -- you don't want to wear  
11 out the stenographer by 10:00 a.m.

12 THE WITNESS: At BioTechnica, I had  
13 several titles, they all pretty much amounted  
14 to the same thing, which was new business  
15 development for that company. In that role, I  
16 founded two spin-off companies. One was  
17 BioTechnica Diagnostics, which was a joint  
18 venture with Forsyth Dental Research  
19 Institution in Boston. Forsyth is one of the  
20 preeminent dental research institutions in the  
21 country and probably in the world. And we  
22 spun off a diagnostics company to use DNA  
23 probes, one of the early DNA probe diagnostic  
24 companies to do periodontal disease

1     diagnostics. So I did the business strategy,  
2     the business plan, the market project --  
3     projections, the value, the company, the whole  
4     works.

5     Q. So -- so your work in BioTechnica was --  
6     is it fair to say was from the business end as  
7     opposed to the product development end?

8     A. Both.

9     Q. Both.

10    A. Yeah. Product development I would  
11    character -- characterize as part -- part of the  
12    business end. So, yes, I was on the board of  
13    directors, too, as I was a founder.

14    Q. Were they focused on diagnostic products?

15    A. No. That was just the subsidiary,  
16    BioTechnica Diagnostics. The main company was  
17    focused on using then what was the state-of-the-art  
18    bacterial genetic engineering to do chemicals,  
19    chemicals manufactured through genetic engineering.  
20    And agriculture, we had -- 50 percent of our focus  
21    was on agricultural biotechnology.

22    Q. Did -- did they do any work in  
23    pharmaceuticals?

24    A. No.

1 was VP of research for all the companies. I was  
2 sort of his right-hand outside person and I was  
3 aware of -- of almost all the new businesses that  
4 they were thinking of and was involved in one way  
5 or another.

6 MR. DAVIS: While we're -- I'm sorry to  
7 interrupt.

8 (Off-the-record discussion held.)

9 Q. All right. Let's look at the second page  
10 of your CV.

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Exhibit 2. Up on top, it says examples of  
13 recent biotechnology related --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- activities. Do you see that?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. The second one says, "Evaluated for a  
18 major investment bank, a company's technology,  
19 competitor's technology, intellectual property and  
20 regulatory aspects of properties."

21 Who was that work for?

22 A. That would be Hancock. And I presume,  
23 since I wrote this a whole while ago, I presume  
24 they wanted Jay George and me -- this is after

1 Oncor went out of business; Jay George and I worked  
2 together for a short period of time. They wanted  
3 us to evaluate the status of cancer research,  
4 cutting edge therapies, where these therapies were  
5 going to go, what therapies looked promising and  
6 which ones didn't look promising. And we did that  
7 for Hancock.

8 Q. And what was the purpose of that?

9 A. They had made an investment in a company  
10 which was a cutting edge company that -- that was  
11 doing drug discovery in the area of apoptosis,  
12 which is programmed cell death which is involved in  
13 cancer.

14 Q. And do you remember what the company was?

15 A. I don't remember the name, no.

16 Q. The investment had already been made  
17 before you became involved; is that correct?

18 A. Yes, I think so.

19 Q. So what was the --

20 A. I should say I think so. I don't know.

21 Q. What was your understanding of the purpose  
22 of your consulting with them?

23 A. Well, I think they just wanted to know  
24 where things were going to be five or ten years

1 down the road because that was sort of the time  
2 frame we were doing that study.

3 Q. And do you have a recollection of when  
4 this prior work for Hancock was?

5 A. No. It was a few years before, I think,  
6 but I couldn't pin it down.

7 Q. Let's see if we can pin it down a little.

8 MR. WEINBERGER: Let's mark this as Klotz  
9 Exhibit 3, a letter dated August 29, 1998 and  
10 a draft consulting agreement.

11 (Exhibit No. 3, Draft Consulting  
12 Agreement, marked for identification.)

13 MR. WEINBERGER: And I'm going to mark as  
14 Exhibit 4 a letter from Dr. Klotz to Steve  
15 Blewitt and Dana Donovan, September 9, 1998  
16 and craft consulting agreement.

17 (Off-the-record discussion held.)

18 (Exhibit No. 4, JH 001694 - 001698, marked  
19 for identification.)

20 BY MR. WEINBERGER:

21 Q. All right. So if you look at Exhibit 4  
22 and 5, do they appear to be -- are -- are they  
23 communications that you sent to Steve Blewitt?

24 A. Okay. I have a 3 and a 4 here.

1 Q. 3 and 4.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Concerning consulting work that you were

4 asked to undertake for John Hancock?

5 A. Yes, 3 certainly is.

6 Let me look at 4. Yeah, it's the one with

7 Jay George; that's the only one the two of us did

8 together, yes.

9 Q. Is there a reference to Jay George here?

10 A. Yeah. He's in the -- he's in the

11 consulting agreement, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

12 Q. I see. So -- so -- in other words, he was

13 also going to consult --

14 A. Yeah, we were -- we were working together

15 on this one for Hancock.

16 Q. And so would this refresh your

17 recollection as to the time frame of your prior

18 work for Hancock?

19 A. Well, I just -- I wouldn't say it

20 refreshes my recollection. I knew it was a few

21 years prior, and this is a date that's a few years

22 prior, so --

23 Q. Okay. And other than this project, had

24 you done any other work for John Hancock until

1 THE WITNESS: I don't want to challenge

2 you on that one.

3 Q. Okay. So the work that you just described  
4 involving SangStat, was that in between the work  
5 you did on the -- the cancer consultation and the  
6 work you did on this transaction that's the subject  
7 of this lawsuit?

8 A. That is my recollection. I can't say for  
9 sure.

10 Q. Did you generate any -- any written  
11 analysis in connection with that work?

12 A. Again, I don't remember, but I presume I  
13 did.

14 Q. Did you generate any written analysis in  
15 connection with your -- your work in 1998 for John  
16 Hancock?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And what was that?

19 A. It was a long report.

20 Q. This was a report with respect to these  
21 cancer drugs that were in development?

22 A. Yes. Well, in discovery mostly.

23 Q. In discovery?

24 A. Yeah. A few may have been in development,



1 but it was mainly looking to the future what might  
2 be exciting or might not be exciting.

3 Q. Now, this third bullet on your resume  
4 says, "Determine the likely status in the year 2005  
5 of drug discovery and development in the major  
6 therapeutic area for a major investment bank."

7 A. Let me see what this says. "Determine  
8 likely status of the drug discovery and  
9 development." That must be -- the third one must  
10 be the one on the cancer.

11 Q. All right. So then what would the second  
12 one be?

13 A. And two, I don't remember what that was.

14 Q. Was it --

15 A. Oh, likely status in the year 2005 --

16 Q. Correct.

17 A. -- of drug discovery and development in  
18 the major therapeutic area. I don't know. 2005?  
19 I mean, that's --

20 Q. I think it's saying, my interpretation is  
21 you're determining at some earlier date the likely  
22 status in the year 2005?

23 A. Oh, yes, right, yes, exactly. So that  
24 would be the Hancock cancer status project, yes.

1 this transaction?

2 A. No recollection.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I don't think I did. I don't think I did.

5 Q. The reference to "Wrote business plans for

6 first and second stage financing," can you tell me

7 what that refers to?

8 A. Yeah. The first stage would have been the

9 two Codon -- first and second, because Codon had

10 first stage financing. The second stage financing

11 probably would have been the small molecule drugs,

12 but that business plan didn't get completed.

13 (Interruption for clarification by the

14 reporter.)

15 Q. Now, other than what we've talked about,

16 had you -- have you engaged in -- up -- up until

17 the work you did for Hancock in 2000, did you

18 engage in any consulting -- consulting with respect

19 to the -- the development prospects of any

20 pharmaceutical compounds in connection with a

21 potential investment?

22 A. Of pharmaceutical compounds?

23 Q. Pharmaceutical compounds.

24 A. In other words, not discovery stage, but

1 things that are further along?

2 Q. No, no. Including discovery stage, but  
3 related to pharm -- a potential pharmaceutical  
4 compound.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. Can you identify what that work  
7 was?

8 A. That would be the Codon oligonucleotide  
9 drugs.

10 Q. All right.

11 A. And also the Codon small molecule drugs.

12 Q. All right. And we talked about that?

13 A. And we talked about those.

14 Q. Anything we haven't talked about?

15 A. No, not -- well, there might be, but I --  
16 you know, I just don't remember everything I did in  
17 my consulting career.

18 Q. But sitting here today, you can't recall  
19 anything else?

20 A. No, I can't recall anything right now, no.

21 Q. Okay. Do you consider yourself an expert  
22 with respect to any particular types of  
23 pharmaceutical compounds?

24 A. Yeah, oligonucleotides.

1 not sure if I did some other small project in there

2 or not. I don't recall.

3 Q. Were you involved in any way in a project

4 involving Idun, I-D-U-N, Pharmaceuticals in

5 La Jolla?

6 A. I'm guessing that was the apoptosis

7 company whose name I don't remember. I do remember

8 they were in San Diego.

9 Q. Apoptosis being...

10 A. Programmed cell death. It was the cancer

11 company that they had invested in.

12 Q. I see.

13 And was Abbott Laboratories involved in

14 that program?

15 A. Not to my knowledge.

16 MR. WEINBERGER: Let's mark as Exhibit 6 a

17 document entitled Purchase Recommendation

18 dated March 24, 1999.

19 (Exhibit No. 6, JH012355 - 012367, marked

20 for identification.)

21 Q. Do you recognize this document?

22 A. No, I don't.

23 Q. Over on page 5 of the document, it refers

24 to Abbott agreements. Talks about a collaboration

1 between Idun and Abbott to discover and develop  
2 small molecule cancer therapies that target the  
3 apoptosis pathway; is that correct?

4 A. That's what it says.

5 Q. So would this indicate to you that this is  
6 this agreement that you were looking at in  
7 connection with the cancer project?

8 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

9 THE WITNESS: The answer is no because Jay  
10 George and my job was to look at the cancer  
11 therapy field. Steve specifically said --  
12 Steve Blewitt specifically said the  
13 investment's already been made. He was more  
14 interested in cancer five to ten years down  
15 the road.

16 Q. Well, if you look at this, it says  
17 March 24, 1999, correct?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And the consulting agreement you sent to  
20 Mr. Blewitt that we looked at earlier was  
21 in 1998 --

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. -- correct?

24 And that was in connection with the cancer

1 apoptosis work, correct?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 MR. DAVIS: You have to respond verbally.

4 THE WITNESS: Oh. Yes.

5 Q. And if you look over at page 12361, that's

6 the Bates number, it's page 7.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. It states, "John Hancock commissioned two

9 consultants to review the field of anticancer

10 therapies to project the importance of various

11 cancer therapies in five years." Then below,

12 middle of that paragraph --

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. -- it says, "Dr. Lynn Klotz of Harvard and

15 Dr. Jay George have concluded," et cetera.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So would this indicate to you that the

20 work you did was not in connection with a completed

21 transaction but in connection with a transaction

22 that Hancock was considering?

23 A. Yeah, this document --

24 MR. DAVIS: Please pause for a moment.

1 Objection. You may respond.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's what this

3 document indicates to me.

4 Q. So that does not refresh your recollection  
5 at all?

6 A. That was not my understanding.

7 Q. So it was not your understanding that you  
8 were involved in potential due diligence with  
9 respect to this transaction?

10 A. No.

11 Q. All right. Now, was it Mr. Blewitt who  
12 approached you in 2000 to be involved in the  
13 transaction with Abbott Laboratories that we are  
14 here talking about?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And what did -- what did he tell  
17 you at that time about what he wanted you to do?

18 A. Well, I can't remember exactly what he  
19 told me when; but at some point, he told me about  
20 the basket of pharmaceuticals. I liked the idea  
21 very much.

22 Q. What did he tell you about the basket of  
23 pharmaceuticals?

24 A. Just -- I think just in general, again, I

1 can't remember when I got the specifics, but in  
2 general, that they were thinking of licensing a  
3 basket of pharmaceuticals from Abbott. And the  
4 reason I liked the idea is because I thought it fit  
5 my understanding of what their strategy was and it  
6 seemed like a good strategy.

7 Q. So what -- what was it they asked you to  
8 do in connection with this transaction? To -- and  
9 could you be as -- as specific as memory would  
10 allow.

11 A. Yes. We decided early on on a strategy.  
12 We had the Abbott memoranda which put us way ahead  
13 of the game on all the drugs. I studied those  
14 carefully, and we decided our strategy would be  
15 through brief -- well, through literature search at  
16 the abstract level and through interviews with  
17 experts in the field who were also identified from  
18 the literature search to just make sure that the  
19 Abbott -- the Abbott memoranda on the -- on the  
20 basket of drugs was consistent with what we were  
21 finding out in the field. In other words,  
22 verifying that the Abbott memoranda were consistent  
23 with what we found out.

24 Q. When you say the Abbott memoranda, are you



1 talking about descriptive memoranda --

2 A. The descriptive memoranda of everything in

3 the basket.

4 Q. You need to wait -- you need to wait until

5 I finish the question because --

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. -- it's just -- it's just going to require

8 me to repeat everything.

9 A. Yeah. No, I -- I understand that.

10 Q. Okay. Now, again, I've got to go back and

11 figure out --

12 MR. DAVIS: I -- I agree with you, Jeff,

13 he -- he shouldn't be speaking over you, but I

14 think we know why he shouldn't be speaking

15 over you.

16 Please, Dr. Klotz --

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 MR. DAVIS: -- let Mr. Weinberger finish

19 his questions before you respond.

20 MR. WEINBERGER: Again, I know that nobody

21 is doing anything intentionally and I

22 appreciate your attorney's insistence in this;

23 he's being very helpful. We just want a clean

24 record.

1 MR. DAVIS: I agree.

2 Q. So the question is -- oh, yes, the  
3 question -- the question is, when you say Abbott  
4 memoranda, are you talking about documents called  
5 descriptive memorandum with respect to each  
6 proposed compound in the basket that Abbott  
7 prepared and supplied to Hancock? Is that the  
8 document you're talk -- document you're talking  
9 about?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You were given those documents sometime in  
12 mid-2000; is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. With respect to, at least at that time,  
15 the compounds that were being looked at, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And why -- did Mr. Blewitt explain why --  
18 why the -- the information in those compounds  
19 needed to be verified, checked for consistency with  
20 literature and experts?

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay. I think just as part  
23 of the due diligence or that part of the due  
24 diligence, yes.

1 Q. What do you mean by due diligence?

2 A. To make sure that what Abbott was saying

3 was accurate.

4 Q. Why couldn't you just accept what Abbott

5 was saying?

6 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I think -- I think

8 we -- we assumed they were accurate, but we

9 wanted to make sure there were no red flags,

10 that in fact what they were saying was what

11 the outside world -- was consistent with what

12 we could find out in the outside world.

13 Q. Why?

14 A. Hancock --

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Hancock was about to

17 make a sizeable investment.

18 Q. Was that the whole answer?

19 A. Well, it's just standard due diligence,

20 too.

21 Q. It wouldn't have been wise just to rely on

22 what the -- Abbott was saying without any more in

23 your view, correct?

24 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

1 Q. In terms of the standard of practice that  
2 you just referred to?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, I think -- I  
5 think our view was that -- that Abbott -- what  
6 Abbott was telling us was accurate, but we  
7 were obligated to confirm that.

8 Q. Okay. And in fact, at the -- at the end  
9 of your process, you did conclude that what Abbott  
10 was telling you was accurate, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, what -- what are the -- we've talked  
13 some about your qualifications and your background.  
14 What qualifications of yours did you believe were  
15 most important to performing this assignment?

16 A. Well, I have a very general and wide  
17 background in basic science through at least  
18 understanding, being aware of what the drug  
19 development issues are and marketing issues as  
20 well. So I think that this very broad background,  
21 given that this was a very broad basket of drugs,  
22 was a useful background for this particular  
23 assignment.

24 Q. Okay. Any other particular qualifications

1 that you believe were relevant to this assignment?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think that's pretty

4 much it. I have a strong academic background,

5 had gone into business, so I understood

6 business, I understood markets, I understood

7 to some extent clinical trials, the clinical

8 trial process. I certainly understood --

9 understood what issues might come up. So I

10 think it was just the background.

11 Especially in some of these drugs, like

12 the cytostatic drugs were cutting-edge drugs,

13 and this is the kind of thing that goes back

14 to basic molecular biology and again, I had

15 awareness of a lot of these issues.

16 Q. Now, you mentioned clinical trial process.

17 Could you -- could you tell me the experience

18 you've had in the clinical trial process?

19 A. Again, a lot of this comes from my

20 teaching. I certainly understood the phases of

21 clinical trials, I understood how many patients

22 were involved, I understood the costs and the

23 timelines for getting through these phases. I

24 understood what kinds of drugs got through more

1 easily, depending on clinical trial end points and  
2 things like that. I think in general I really  
3 understood the clinical trial process, but not the  
4 particulars of how doctors get recruited and things  
5 like that.

6 Q. All right. But you -- you were  
7 comfortable enough with the clinical trial process  
8 to take on this assignment that involved to some  
9 extent having an understanding of how that process  
10 works with respect to --

11 A. Yes. We're also relying on the Abbott  
12 descriptive memoranda because when things are in  
13 clinical trials, what's going on is not public. So  
14 there, we relied very heavily on the Abbott  
15 descriptive memoranda. And their descriptive  
16 memoranda and some of the things we found out did  
17 bring up some questions, which in Dr. Leonard's  
18 interview we asked.

19 Q. So, in other words, to the -- to the  
20 extent that information in the descriptive  
21 memoranda gave rise to questions, you understood  
22 that you had the ability to go to Abbott and get  
23 more information and follow up on that?

24 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

1 Q. Is that right?

2 A. Yeah. I -- I don't think I saw the need

3 to go to Abbott. We interviewed Dr. Leonard on the  
4 telephone.

5 Q. If you needed more information, did you  
6 understand that you had the ability to ask for  
7 that?

8 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I understand I had the  
10 ability. I would not ask for it; probably  
11 Steve Blewitt would.

12 Q. Okay. And you didn't -- I think you said  
13 you -- you decided you didn't have to ask for more  
14 information; is that correct?

15 A. I think Steve was satisfied with the stuff  
16 I prepared for him, the interview with Leonard.

17 Q. Satisfied in the sense that he didn't need  
18 to go back and get additional information from  
19 Abbott?

20 A. You would have to ask him that. I can't  
21 answer that.

22 Q. But that was your understanding?

23 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

24 THE WITNESS: That's what I felt, yes.

1 Q. Well, did you feel, based on your  
2 investigation, that you needed to get other  
3 information from Abbot?

4 MR. DAVIS: You talking about at the  
5 conclusion of his work?

6 MR. WEINBERGER: Yeah.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, I knew he had other  
8 people working on the project as well, so it  
9 was hard for me to assess what additional  
10 information might be needed.

11 Q. Well, on the scientific end, was there  
12 anybody else working on this project?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. So in terms of your conclusions, putting  
15 aside what someone else may have had, I'm asking  
16 about you, did you conclude at the conclusion of  
17 the product that you didn't need any additional  
18 information from Abbott?

19 A. Well, given our strategy to confirm the  
20 descriptive memoranda, we pretty much did that, we  
21 did that.

22 Q. Okay. So my question is, did -- did you  
23 conclude at the end of your process that you didn't  
24 need any further information from Abbott?



1 A. In terms of that strategy, yes.

2 Q. How much time did you spend on this  
3 project?

4 A. Oh, that would be in the invoices. I'm  
5 thinking about half time for a couple of months.

6 Q. Well, I don't know what your full time is.  
7 So if you could give me an estimate.

8 A. Oh, you know --

9 Q. It's probably different than -- than  
10 lawyers is my guess.

11 A. I mean, this is a little bit of a guess.  
12 20 hours a week for a couple of months.

13 Q. Okay. So your best estimate,  
14 understanding it's imprecise, would be --

15 A. Month's full time or something, yeah.

16 Q. 40 hours or was it 80 hours? 80 hours?

17 A. Yeah. Well, let's see, 20 hours a week,  
18 four weeks, 80 -- maybe over a hundred hours.

19 Q. A hundred hours?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned that part of the  
22 approach was to look at literature, correct?

23 A. Look at abstracts in the literature.

24 Q. And part of the approach, I think you

1 said, was to talk to experts in the field?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Where did you propose to get the

4 names of experts to talk to?

5 A. I got the names from scanning the

6 literature, seeing who was publishing the most and

7 the most interesting papers and identified them

8 from there.

9 Q. From the literature?

10 A. From the literature.

11 Q. And then cold-called them?

12 A. Yeah. Usually called their secretary and

13 asked to set up an interview.

14 Q. Were they paid?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. By -- by you?

17 A. Well, I -- I wrote the check and Hancock

18 reimbursed me.

19 Q. Okay. How much were they paid?

20 A. I think \$250 for a half hour. It could

21 have been 200, but something like that.

22 Q. I assume you were paid for this job?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What was your fee arrangement?

1 A. It's hourly. And either 200 or 250, I

2 just don't remember.

3 Q. And that's -- that's how you were paid;

4 at -- at the -- at the conclusion, you were paid on

5 an hourly basis?

6 A. I think I probably wrote an invoice every

7 month and then got paid monthly.

8 Q. Okay. There was no other compensation

9 involved besides your hourly rate?

10 A. No, nothing.

11 Q. Okay. I'm not implying anything. I just

12 need to ask --

13 A. No, no.

14 Q. -- some of these questions.

15 A. I -- I understand. I understand.

16 Q. All right.

17 (Off-the-record discussion held.)

18 (Exhibit No. 7, JH 003080 - 002090, marked

19 for identification.)

20 Q. All right. Let -- let me first ask you,

21 is this one of the documents you reviewed that

22 refreshed your recollection that we talked about

23 earlier this morning?

24 A. Yes.

1 MR. DAVIS: -- before you begin to answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

3 MR. DAVIS: Sorry. Picking up where we

4 were.

5 Q. Do you have the question in mind, sir?

6 A. No.

7 Q. The question is this: Was this the first

8 work product that you did in connection with the

9 transaction with Abbott?

10 A. I expect it was from the date and from the

11 content.

12 Q. Okay. And can you tell me what this

13 document is?

14 A. Well, from the looks of it, I looked over

15 what was in the basket of drugs, presumably read

16 the descriptive memoranda at that point, although

17 my memory doesn't tell me one way or another, and

18 this was my first take on what was in the baskets.

19 Q. Based on some of the statements in here,

20 would it -- would it be a fair assumption that you

21 had read the descriptive memoranda before you wrote

22 this?

23 A. It would be a fair assumption, yes.

24 Q. All right. The first -- the first heading

1 says General Thoughts, Ideas and Questions.

2 (Interruption for clarification by the

3 reporter.)

4 Q. All right. And then it says, "The basket

5 is really two baskets."

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Can you tell me what you meant by that?

8 A. Yeah, in general I can. There are a

9 number of cytostatic drugs in that basket. From my

10 point of view at that time, that cytostatic drugs

11 all had a number of issues which were identical.

12 They were new to the FDA; it was unclear about how

13 one would measure clinical end points that would

14 satisfy the FDA because they were new. And because

15 of the type of drugs, they didn't cure anything;

16 they just -- they just stopped something from --

17 from -- from spreading or -- or getting worse,

18 cancer from spreading or getting worse,

19 metastasizing. And since I thought there were a

20 lot of general issues and that this project was not

21 going -- didn't have an infinite end point, time

22 end point on it, that we ought to treat, at least

23 as a first take, all the cytostatic drugs in one

24 basket, those are the common issues, and that the

1 rest had to be treated separately because they were  
2 all very different.

3 Q. Okay. So in looking at the risk, were you  
4 saying that there could be risks that would be  
5 common to all the cytostatic agents regardless of  
6 the particular merits of the --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- individual compound?

9 A. Yes. And I think mainly a clinical trial  
10 risk and FDA risk, yes.

11 Q. So that might make these drugs -- might  
12 mean that they should not be evaluated  
13 independently, each one on their own, but to some  
14 extent as a group?

15 A. Well, as a first take, look at them as a  
16 group. Then the next step would be to see where  
17 they are in the development process, and then you  
18 would evaluate them independently.

19 Q. All right. Now, if you look at pages --  
20 page 5 of the document --

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. -- summary profile of the basket.

23 MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry. What page?

24 MR. WEINBERGER: 5.

1 Q. There's a chart of compounds. Was it your  
2 understanding that these were the compounds that at  
3 the time, that is, June 2000, were being proposed  
4 as the basket for the Hancock investment?

5 A. Yes, that was my understanding.

6 Q. And could you tell me which of those were  
7 in this category of cytostatic agents?

8 A. Well, ABT-627; ABT-518, the FTI simply  
9 because I see my note there that says, "same as  
10 Abbott 518 and urokinase inhibitor, same as Abbott  
11 518"; that's referring, I think -- I think to the  
12 fact that they are cytostatic drugs.

13 Q. Okay. Going back to the first page --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- you say, "Some of the drugs in the  
16 basket are well along the clinical trials and  
17 represent new but more traditional approaches to  
18 diseases. In contrast, the remaining drugs are  
19 cytostatic cancer agents for cancer. And since  
20 this is a new untried strategy for everyone, it is  
21 high risk."

22 A. Now, where are you reading this? I --

23 Q. This is the second sentence on the first  
24 page of the analysis.

1 A. Oh, okay, second sentence -- oh, second  
2 sentence. In contrast, yes.

3 Q. "In contrast, the remaining drugs are  
4 cytostatic cancer agents for cancer. And since  
5 this is a new untried strategy for everyone, it is  
6 high risk."

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was that your assessment as of this time  
9 period, that the cytostatic cancer agents in the  
10 basket were high risk?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And that included 518?

13 A. 518 was -- let me just look at the notes,  
14 make sure that the numbers -- oh, yeah, 518 was  
15 already in clinical trials, so that would be less  
16 high risk.

17 Q. Well, if you look at the chart, the 208,  
18 on page 5.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Under preliminary assessment  
21 promise/market risk, under ABT-518 under market  
22 risk, someone has written "high"?

23 A. I -- I -- that's my table, so I wrote it.

24 Q. Okay. So you'd agree that it was your



1 ever found out the answer?

2 A. I don't recall that I ever got the answer,

3 but I may have. It's a long time ago.

4 Q. Okay. If you look over at page 2 --

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. -- you ask the question, "How do we value

7 the technical aspects of the drug aspect in

8 competitive drugs?" Do you see that?

9 A. Now, where is this? Oh, yes. How to

10 evaluate the technical aspects of the drug basket

11 and competitive drugs.

12 Q. Right.

13 And the last sentence, you say, "From the

14 point of view of due diligence, experts should be

15 retained for most of the drugs."

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Correct?

18 A. That's what I said there. We end -- we

19 ended up interviewing experts, not retaining them.

20 Q. Well, why did you believe from the point

21 of view of due diligence experts should be retained

22 for most of the drugs?

23 A. Well, it'd be -- obviously, it would be

24 useful to have expert opinion on the drugs. And in

1 the end, for time reasons, we decided that we would  
2 just interview experts once we identified them.

3 Q. Why did you feel it would be useful to  
4 obtain experts for most of the drugs?

5 A. Well, it's all -- it's almost like a  
6 throwaway statement. Well, gee, we have all these  
7 drugs; I know something about all of them, but I  
8 can't claim to be an absolute expert in any of the  
9 fields, so perhaps we should retain experts.

10 Q. But at the minimum, you felt it was  
11 advisable to talk to experts?

12 A. Certainly at the minimum advisable to talk  
13 to experts.

14 Q. And why did you believe that?

15 A. Well, because I -- I have to back up and  
16 say this maybe more generally.

17 I said a little bit earlier that I'm aware  
18 of almost all aspects from basic research through  
19 marketing drugs through my sort of business and  
20 academic experience. Aware is not knowledgeable.  
21 The next step is knowledgeable. If you're aware of  
22 something that you better get knowledgeable about,  
23 you get knowledgeable. And I would characterize  
24 getting knowledgeable over a period of a month or

1 two about something would put you in the 90 percent  
2 category, you probably know 90 percent of  
3 everything that's going on. But the last 10  
4 percent is what experts know. Because they've been  
5 in the field for a long time, they're the ones who  
6 think about things all the time; they're the ones  
7 that have that sort of 10 percent of mostly  
8 unpublished knowledge, I would say.

9 Q. Okay. Now, under the heading How Do We  
10 Value Sales of the Drug Basket, you say, "Abbott's  
11 sales estimates are likely all high because they  
12 would need to be optimistic to sell the  
13 drugs/programs internally."

14 Now, can you tell me what you meant by  
15 that sentence?

16 A. I know that from my own experience in  
17 biotechnology companies and from reading outside  
18 reports, people are doing reports on industry,  
19 people tend to -- tend to make sales estimates that  
20 are high. And that was just a -- as -- as I said  
21 earlier, I was not involved in any of the financial  
22 end; but as a consultant, I always feel obligated  
23 to -- to make statements if I think they might be  
24 useful to the client, even if it's something I'm

1 not involved in.

2 Q. And why did you believe the -- for what  
3 reason were the sales estimates generally high in  
4 your experience?

5 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It's -- I mean,  
7 almost every business plan from a biotech  
8 company, almost every report from these  
9 companies that do -- do reports that they sell  
10 for 2- or 3,000 bucks, the cases where I've  
11 had access to those reports and I've done my  
12 independent sales estimates, they always turn  
13 out to be high. Almost always, I can't say  
14 always for sure.

15 Q. So were you communicating to Hancock that  
16 they should not just blindly rely on --

17 A. Yes, that -- that's pretty much all I  
18 was --

19 Q. Let me finish the question.

20 MR. DAVIS: Let him finish his question.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 Q. So were you communicating to -- to Hancock  
23 that Han -- that it should not blindly rely on  
24 Abbott's sales projections, but do some due

1 diligence of its own to determine appropriate

2 amounts?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

4 THE WITNESS: I was certainly indicating

5 that they should not rely on Abbott's sales

6 estimates. I probably was not suggesting they

7 should do due diligence on their own because

8 that was not my problem -- project on that.

9 Q. You say in that next paragraph -- well,

10 strike that.

11 Then you give -- you put forth some ideas

12 to Hancock for estimating sales right below that,

13 correct?

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. Is that right?

16 A. Let me see, estimating actual sales --

17 okay. Yeah, I was just giving him -- just throwing

18 out some ideas.

19 Q. Now, under Number 1, am I correct that

20 you're suggesting one approach would be to

21 determine dollar sales for a number of top drugs in

22 each therapeutic area and then average the sales of

23 drug in that area?

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. Is that yes?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You have to say yes or no --

4 A. Yes, I know.

5 Q. -- because uh-huh is ambiguous.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. All right. Now, in that connection, you

8 say, "Cancer and antibiotic markets" -- I'm

9 sorry -- "Cancer and antibiotic markets are highly

10 fragmented, so the average sales of a particular

11 drug is likely small, perhaps less than 100

12 million," end quote. Is that your understanding?

13 A. I would say that was probably my

14 guesstimate. I mean, the first part of that

15 statement is -- is absolutely true. I mean, there

16 are many cancer drugs out there, there are many

17 antibiotics out there. A lot of the antibiotics

18 are just slight modifications on the other

19 antibiotics, and the -- the markets for an average

20 drug is -- are fairly small.

21 (Interruption for clarification by the

22 reporter.)

23 Q. You then say, "The average sales of the

24 top five drugs may also be less than 500 million,

1 less than half of Abbott's projected sales." Do

2 you see that?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What -- what projected sales were you

5 referring to there?

6 A. They were either in the descriptive

7 memoranda or -- or somewhere because I obviously

8 had copies. I'm -- I'm thinking they were in a

9 descriptive memoranda; I'm not sure if that was an

10 independent document or not. But I had certainly

11 seen them.

12 Q. If you look over at the chart on page 5.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. You see projected maximum sales --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- in the right-hand column?

17 A. Yeah. Those would be Abbott's numbers.

18 Q. All right. And when you said that the

19 average sales of top five drugs also may be less

20 than 500 million, less than half of Abbott's

21 projected sales, which category of drugs were you

22 talking about, if any particular category?

23 A. Yeah, I'd have to look at the memorandum

24 again. What page was the statements made on, 2?

1 Oh, yeah. Right. Okay.

2 Yeah, I'm talking, I think, mainly about

3 the -- the antibiotic and the cancer markets and

4 it's just the general observation that those are

5 fragmented markets. And specific drugs, particular

6 drugs often have small sales. Not all cancer

7 drugs, not all antibiotics.

8 Q. But that -- your statement referred to the

9 cancer drugs and the antibiotics?

10 A. From reading this memorandum just now,

11 this memo, I would say yes.

12 Q. Then you -- then you -- Number 2, as I

13 read this, you're suggesting that you start with

14 Abbott's sales estimates, but then adjust them

15 downward for market risk factors, correct?

16 A. Yes, I'm making that general suggestion.

17 Q. And then you're discussing some of the

18 market risk factors that should be taken into

19 account?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And those include clinical trial risk

22 factors?

23 A. Uh-huh, yes.

24 Q. What are the clinical trial risk factors



1 that you saw here?

2 A. Well, again, the cytostatic drugs, just  
3 lack of experience with the FDA and -- and fuzzy  
4 end points. The -- which one was it, the  
5 neuropathic pain -- diabetic neuropathic pain drug  
6 and the descriptive memoranda, there was clearly  
7 some questions about toxicity, headaches, nausea  
8 and things like that. And probably -- I mean, this  
9 was so long ago, I can't remember; but looking at  
10 it now, I use the same kinds of mental processes, I  
11 would say that these are the kinds of things that  
12 you have to consider.

13 Q. Okay. Just -- just picking up on one  
14 thing you said a minute ago. You mentioned the  
15 neuropathic pain compound, and that's 594, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you said that there was some  
18 discussions of toxicity, headache, nausea, et  
19 cetera?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are those all the same thing; is toxicity  
22 the same thing as headache and nausea?

23 A. Depending on how severe, I suppose.

24 Q. But did you -- when you see toxicity as a

1 discussion of a risk, is that generally referring

2 to headache and nausea or --

3 A. No, not -- not generally.

4 MR. DAVIS: Please, pause for a moment and

5 let him finish his question --

6 THE WITNESS: Okay.

7 MR. DAVIS: -- and then pause so that I

8 can object if necessary.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 Q. Generally speaking, toxicity refers to

11 something more serious than headache or nausea,

12 correct?

13 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, generally.

15 Q. Now, you then say that the market risk

16 factors are -- this is over on page 3, the market

17 risk factors are. And the first bullet is number

18 of competitors. What do you mean by that?

19 A. Well, the more competitors selling drugs

20 out there, the possibility is less sales for a

21 particular drug.

22 Q. Second bullet is efficacy and side effects

23 of Abbott's drugs versus competitor's drugs. What

24 did you mean by that?

1 respect to financial issues?

2 A. No, I wasn't. But this is very early in  
3 the project, and sort of the ground rules weren't  
4 established.

5 Q. Okay. Now, looking further in this  
6 document, if you turn to page 7.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. There's a discussion of 594, about  
9 two-thirds of the way down the page.

10 A. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

11 Q. This information that you have here,  
12 did -- did that come from the descriptive  
13 memoranda?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Were you interested to know how  
16 much higher the dose could be -- could be tolerated  
17 than the dosages that are reported here?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Why was that important?

20 A. Well, I was worried that the toxicity or  
21 the headaches and nausea in this case, not general  
22 toxicity, headaches and nausea in this case might  
23 be severe enough so that it could hurt the drug's  
24 prospects.

1 Q. So you needed to know -- and -- and how  
2 did that relate to the question of whether higher  
3 doses could be tolerated? Why was that -- why was  
4 that important?

5 A. It's -- it seemed to me from -- from  
6 reading the memorandum and what I've written here  
7 is that the dose they're giving people -- so let me  
8 read it again.

9 Phase 2A studies suggested -- okay. I  
10 presume I got from the descriptive memoranda that  
11 10 percent of patients at 75 micro -- micrograms by  
12 daily had a number of uncomfortable side effects,  
13 such as headaches, nausea, et cetera. And they're  
14 talking about -- they're talking about Phase 1  
15 studies with 150 micrograms per day, which is just  
16 at this level where people are experiencing side  
17 effects such as nausea.

18 Q. So that concerned you?

19 A. It was a concern, yeah.

20 Q. And it concerned you why?

21 A. Excuse me?

22 Q. Why?

23 A. Well, because I -- I say there, it might  
24 not get -- it might have some risk of not passing

- 1 Phase 2 clinical trials; even if it got all the way  
2 through, there might be some market risk if a lot  
3 of patients couldn't tolerate the drug.
- 4 Q. And those -- you got those concerns based  
5 on information that Abbott provided you --
- 6 A. In the descriptive --
- 7 Q. -- in the descriptive memoranda?
- 8 A. Excuse me. Yes, in the descriptive  
9 memoranda.
- 10 Q. And you suggest -- and you say there's  
11 some risk of not passing Phase 2 clinical trials,  
12 which I think you mentioned a minute ago?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- 14 Q. You then say, "We should perhaps get an  
15 assessment from a pain clinical trials expert."
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did you do that?
- 18 A. No, we didn't. No, I didn't.
- 19 Q. Why not?
- 20 A. I can't speak for Steve.
- 21 Well, the project was ended when Steve  
22 felt comfortable with everything that he knew.
- 23 Q. Well, did you recommend to him that  
24 Hancock get an assessment from a pain clinicals

1 trial -- clinical trial expert?

2 A. Probably not --

3 MR. DAVIS: Pause, please. Objection.

4 You may respond.

5 Q. You can respond.

6 A. Beyond this memo, I'm not sure whether I

7 did.

8 Q. You -- you said, "We" -- you -- you said,

9 "We should perhaps get an assessment from a pain

10 clinical -- clinical trials expert," correct?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Was there further discussion with

13 Mr. Blewitt about this?

14 A. I don't recall.

15 Q. Do you recall Mr. Blewitt saying, well, we

16 don't need that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you recall following up on this

19 statement in any way?

20 A. We followed up in the interview with

21 Dr. Leonard.

22 Q. And we'll get to that. But other than

23 that, did you make any attempt to find a pain --

24 A. I --

1 Q. -- clinical trials --

2 A. I haven't --

3 Q. You got to let me finish the question.

4 A. Oh.

5 Q. Did you make any attempt to find a pain

6 clinical trials expert?

7 A. We hunted for experts in each field. I

8 haven't reviewed my interview notes prior to this;

9 I would have to look there to give a better answer.

10 Q. Well, we'll -- we'll take a look at that,

11 but --

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Now, and I have that.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. But assuming there are no notes of any

16 interview with a clinical trials -- trial expert,

17 would it be fair to say that this was not followed

18 up on?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

21 THE WITNESS: Objection? Can I answer?

22 MR. DAVIS: You may respond.

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. It would be fair to say it was not

1 followed up on except in the Leonard interview.

2 Q. Why were you concerned that there was a

3 risk of not passing Phase 2 clinical trials based

4 on the data you have?

5 A. Well, it's right there. The dose that is

6 recommended is around the dose where some patients

7 are experiencing headaches and nausea and a number

8 of other -- whatever the descriptive memoranda

9 said, there were some other side effects listed in

10 there.

11 Q. That's the 75?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. Okay. Now, normally speaking for side

14 effects like headaches and nausea, if you increase

15 the dose, is it going to be likely that the side

16 effect was going to be at least the same, but

17 potentially worse?

18 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

19 THE WITNESS: I -- yeah, I really can't

20 answer that.

21 Q. Could it be less; could --

22 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

23 Q. Could -- could a side effect like headache

24 and nausea at 75 -- is it 75 milligrams; is that



1 what that is?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Could -- could a side effect like headache  
4 and nausea be present at 75 milligrams if it's  
5 caused by the drug and be less present at 150 or  
6 225 --

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

8 Q. -- in your judgment?

9 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

10 THE WITNESS: I mean, it's -- you know, I  
11 would say in -- in general, it's likely that  
12 side effects would get worse, but I can't  
13 speak to a particular -- particular drug.

14 Q. And when you say, "Phase I studies  
15 indicated a maximum tolerated" --

16 (Interruption for clarification by the  
17 reporter.)

18 Q. You say that, "Phase I studies indicated a  
19 maximum tolerated dose of 150 milligrams a day for  
20 oral formulation." Do you see that?

21 A. Micrograms, yes.

22 Q. Mi -- micrograms.

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Okay. So what did you understand that to

1 mean, that there was a maximum tolerated dose of  
2 150?

3 A. I think --

4 MR. DAVIS: You can respond.

5 THE WITNESS: Okay. I think the words --

6 the words there say it. It says maximum

7 tolerated dose, and I presume that comes from

8 the descriptive memoranda.

9 Q. But as -- as a consultant who's advising

10 Hancock in this area, what did that mean to you?

11 And by that, I mean, what happen -- what would

12 happen if a patient took more than the maximum

13 tolerated dose?

14 A. Okay. I -- I have to back up. Obviously,

15 I can't answer that question. And in their Phase 1

16 clinical trials, presumably they were dosing up and

17 I don't know how high. But it -- it -- it waved a

18 red flag as something we ought to talk to

19 Dr. Leonard about and find out what the situation

20 was.

21 Q. So there was a potential for increased

22 side effects above the 150 micrograms; is that

23 fair?

24 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, certainly a potential,  
2 yes.

3 Q. And -- and whether or not that was a  
4 concern would depend upon the efficacy of a drug at  
5 a particular dosing level, correct?

6 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah, there's always a  
8 tradeoff between efficacy and side effects,  
9 especially in drugs that are badly needed. Or  
10 not always a tradeoff, but there can be a  
11 tradeoff between efficacy and -- and side  
12 effects.

13 Q. I guess what I'm getting at is you had  
14 substantial side effects at a dosage range that was  
15 greater than the amount needed for efficacy, but  
16 not at the level where efficacy was acceptable,  
17 then the side effects would be less of a concern,  
18 correct?

19 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- trying to answer  
21 in detail on these things is -- is difficult  
22 because basically what it did was raise a red  
23 flag.

24 Q. Right.

1 A. -- which we were certain we were -- well,  
2 not certain. We were going to ask and we did ask  
3 Dr. Leonard about.

4 Q. You asked Dr. Leonard about headaches and  
5 nausea?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. What I'm trying to get at just as a  
8 general proposition is in order to evaluate the  
9 issue of side effects, in addition to -- in  
10 addition to understanding at what dosage level the  
11 side effects are occurring and at what frequency,  
12 don't you also need to have some understanding as  
13 to where efficacy in the drug is achieved?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Those are related, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So just for -- by way of crude example and  
18 if I -- if I took 20 Vicodin for back pain, I might  
19 have pretty substantial side effects that wouldn't  
20 be present if I took one.

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

22 THE WITNESS: I can't answer because I  
23 don't know about the side effects of Vicodin.

24 Q. Well, I was just taking any -- any -- any

1 drug that has some potential side effects --

2 A. I expect --

3 MR. DAVIS: Please -- please pause. Let

4 him finish his question, please, and then

5 pause.

6 Would you please reread the question.

7 THE REPORTER: "Question: 'Well, taking

8 any drug that has any potential side

9 effects --'"

10 Q. As a general proposition, my statement is

11 correct, isn't it?

12 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

13 THE WITNESS: As a general proposition.

14 Q. All right. Now, if you could turn to

15 page -- page 8 --

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. -- in this document and at the bottom of

18 the page at 2088.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. It discusses ABT-518, correct?

21 A. (Nodding head up and down).

22 Q. Is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And --

1 A. That is correct.

2 Q. -- can we refer to those shorthanded as

3 MMP enzymes?

4 A. Sure.

5 Q. Instead of this long word that we're going

6 to -- we're going to butcher, at least I am.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. All right. And -- and the MMP was one of

9 the cytostatic agents that you -- we discussed

10 earlier, correct?

11 A. (Nodding head up and down).

12 Q. Is that yes?

13 A. Yes. Yes.

14 Q. Now, on page 9, you say, "Abbott states

15 that there are more than 200 compounds in

16 development for cytostatic targets." Is that

17 correct?

18 A. Yes. This would -- I'm -- I'm relying on

19 what I'm reading here. I don't remember what the

20 descriptive memo said.

21 Q. Was that a concern to you?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Why?

24 A. Market share, competition.

1 Q. The more competition, the harder it is to

2 get market share?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Then you say in the few paragraphs below

5 that, "These agents have the advantage they can be

6 given in combination with current therapy," et

7 cetera, et cetera. But then you say, "These add-on

8 combination therapies have unusual promise but are

9 high market risk because they are -- are new."

10 Was that your assessment as of this time,

11 that compounds like 518 were high market risk?

12 A. At that time, yes; at that time, yes.

13 MR. WEINBERGER: Okay. I've been told we

14 only have a couple of minutes on the tape. So

15 why don't we take a break.

16 THE WITNESS: Okay.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of

18 tape number one in the deposition of Lynn

19 Klotz. Going off the record. The time is

20 11:07.

21 (Proceedings interrupted at 11:07 a.m. and

22 reconvened at 11:18 a.m.)

23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the

24 beginning of tape number two in the deposition

1 BY MR. WEINBERGER:

2 Q. All right. Mr. Klotz, let us move on.

3 (Exhibit No. 8, JH 003058 - 003069,

4 marked for identification.)

5 Q. Dr. Klotz, the -- the cover document on

6 this exhibit, could you identify this as an e-mail

7 that you wrote to Mr. Blewitt on June 27, 2000?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And are you enclosing in here potential

10 questions for experts with respect to various of

11 the compounds, as well as an introductory statement

12 to them?

13 A. I'll have to look.

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. Yes, there are questions for experts.

16 Q. Okay. And the -- the first page of the

17 attachment is a proposed introductory statement to

18 give to the experts?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then included in here also are some

21 questions, potential questions for Abbott

22 Laboratories about some of the compounds, correct?

23 A. Let me look. Yes.

24 Q. Now, in the -- turning to page -- the page



1 that has a number on the bottom right-hand, stamped  
2 number JH 003060.

3 A. Uh-huh, yes.

4 Q. These are questions under the heading  
5 Questions for Experts in Cytostatic Therapies.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. In the third paragraph, you say, "One  
8 literature reviewed indicated that approximately  
9 cytostatic agents for angiogenesis alone are  
10 undergoing clinical trials and another 50 agents,  
11 preclinical testing. Cytostatic drug development  
12 is a crowded field." Was that the conclusion of  
13 your literature review to date?

14 A. I don't remember for sure. It's what I  
15 said here.

16 Q. No reason to doubt that?

17 A. No reason to doubt it, no.

18 Q. And then over the top of the next page,  
19 you say -- let's say MMPI --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- "MM -- MMP inhibitors seems to be an  
22 especially competitive area." Is that a correct  
23 statement of your views at the time based on the  
24 work you'd done?

1 A. Again, I don't have a direct rec -- rec --

2 recollection any more, but I wrote it here so I

3 presume it is.

4 Q. And -- and that's something you wanted to

5 discuss with the experts, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And it's something you wanted to discuss

8 with Abbott as well?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Specifically, you -- you wanted to ask

11 Abbott, as it states towards the bottom of the

12 following page, "While Abbott's approaches are

13 clearly cutting edge, how can Abbott achieve a

14 large market share given the large number of

15 competitors in this area"?

16 A. Where is this?

17 Q. That would be about here (indicating).

18 A. On what --

19 Q. Page 003061.

20 A. 3061?

21 Q. Two-thirds of the way down.

22 A. Two-thirds of the way. Below the -- so

23 read your statement again.

24 Q. I think I was simply asking, you wanted to

1 ask Abbott how it could achieve a large market  
2 share given the large number of competitors in this  
3 area?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. That was a concern to you?

6 A. Yes, it was a question to ask, yes, a  
7 concern and a question.

8 Q. Okay. Then there are some selective  
9 literature abstracts that are listed in the -- in  
10 the end of the document. Did you read all these?

11 A. Yes, I read them.

12 MR. WEINBERGER: This would be --

13 (Exhibit No. 9, JH 003032 - 003057, marked  
14 for identification.)

15 Q. All right. So is the first page of Klotz  
16 Exhibit 9 an e-mail you sent to Mr. Blewitt on or  
17 about July 3, 2000?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. And -- and these are questions that you  
20 had from your research of the cytostatic field,  
21 right?

22 A. Yeah, at this stage, yes.

23 Q. Now, about four paragraphs from the top --

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- you state, "The bottom line is that  
2 cytostatic therapies is a hot development area, but  
3 there are a number of general issues (clinical  
4 trial end points, effectiveness, cost  
5 effectiveness, competition). Most are not yet in  
6 clinical trials, so the probability of a particular  
7 compound reaching the marketplace is low.  
8 Therefore, cytostatic therapies are more an upside  
9 on the investment" -- it says, "in the rest of the  
10 basket"; did you mean than the rest of the basket?

11 A. Likely that's what I meant, yes.

12 Q. So it was your view as of this time that  
13 the likelihood, the probability of any particular  
14 cytostatic compound reaching the market was low?

15 A. Was lower than the others.

16 Q. Okay. You say here was low?

17 A. Okay, low.

18 Q. And you agree with that?

19 A. Yes. Low is always relative, though.

20 Q. When you say they're more of an upside,  
21 what does that mean?

22 A. Okay. Often in biotechnology investments,  
23 if you're making a presentation of a biotechnology  
24 business plan, you have some core areas where you

1 can calculate market potential, maybe make some  
2 reasonable estimates of market share and then you,  
3 you know, take into account the probability of  
4 success and you go back to net present value.  
5 There are some areas where you know that you might  
6 have a market, but for one reason or another, it's  
7 hard to quantitate. So you just say, well, we're  
8 basing our whole investment on this and these other  
9 things that may materialize are an upside on those  
10 numbers.

11 Q. So you're basically saying that you -- you  
12 should base your investment on the other compounds  
13 and then just view this as an upside?

14 A. That's --

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

16 Q. Is that the thrust of what you were  
17 saying?

18 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

19 THE WITNESS: That's what I was saying at  
20 this point, yes.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I'd like to further answer with one more  
23 sentence. Basically, this is just suggestions and  
24 ideas for him to consider.

1 Q. Well, it was reflecting your views based

2 on the work you had done --

3 A. Yeah, at that point.

4 Q. -- so far?

5 And that was about 38 hours' work so far?

6 A. Yes, at that point, yes.

7 Q. Just in research on cytostatic, the

8 cytostatic area, right?

9 A. Yes, these comments were on the cytostatic

10 area, yes.

11 Q. All right. Now, looking at the -- the

12 document that is attached to this, the -- starts

13 out with potential interviews and questioning. Is

14 this basically another iteration of the document we

15 just looked at with proposed questions for experts?

16 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

17 Q. And for Abbott?

18 A. Well --

19 MR. DAVIS: Same objection. You may

20 respond.

21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, I can't

22 remember exactly, but it's later in time so I

23 presume it's been refined somewhat from the

24 previous document.

1 Q. Okay. Now, over on page 2 of that

2 document --

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. -- you discuss -- you have a bullet point

5 that discusses a drug called marimastat; do you see

6 that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was that a drug that was under development

9 by British Biotech?

10 A. I remember the name but I don't remember

11 much about it.

12 Q. I think we have some material later that I

13 can show you that -- and I can represent to you

14 that that's a drug that was under development by

15 British Biotech.

16 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 Q. I'm just telling you.

19 A. Yeah, he's just telling me. Okay.

20 Q. So you said, "In one instance, that is in

21 the instance of marimastat, the drug slowed

22 progression but did not prolong life and has

23 painful joint side effects, so there are no life

24 years save" -- I assume that should be saved?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. "And perhaps no quality life years saved."

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So would I be correct to say that you had  
5 learned that there were negative results about the  
6 -- this potential compound --

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

8 Q. -- as of July 2000?

9 MR. DAVIS: You talking about marimastat,  
10 this potential compound?

11 Q. Yeah. Marimastat. If I wasn't clear,  
12 right now, I'm talking about marimastat.

13 A. I would probably call it non-encouraging  
14 results.

15 Q. Where did you get this information from  
16 about marimastat?

17 A. Well, I don't remember any more.

18 Q. Then in the last paragraph of that  
19 section, you say, you talk about the fragmentation  
20 of the market, and you say that "sales for an  
21 average drug is small, less than 100 to 200  
22 million, yet there are some drugs that do sell over  
23 500 million."

24 Is it fair to say that you were at this



1 on page 7. So does this -- was it correct that at  
2 this time you were planning to interview Abbott  
3 with respect to 518?

4 A. Again, my memory doesn't inform me, but  
5 somewhere in -- along the line in the project I  
6 knew we were going to interview Dr. Leonard, and I  
7 don't remember if that was the point.

8 Q. All right. Now, going back to page 6 is  
9 again a discussion of marimastat. Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You say, "It has been reported that  
12 marimastat has no survival advantage when compared  
13 to chemotherapy with gemcitabine.  
14 G-E-M-C-I-T-A-B-I-N-E, in advanced pancreatic  
15 cancer. With no survival advantage, would the FDA  
16 be skeptical about the value of slower progression  
17 of the disease since there are serious joint pain  
18 side effects (reduction in quality of life)."

19 Would it be fair to say that you had  
20 negative information at this time about the  
21 prospects for marimastat?

22 A. I would say not encouraging information.

23 Q. All right. If you look over at page 8, I  
24 told you I would show you something on British

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. They're what page and what document?

3 Q. The document is ten and talking about the

4 interview with Dennis Carson.

5 A. Okay.

6 MR. DAVIS: I object to the question.

7 THE WITNESS: Now, ask the question again

8 now.

9 Q. The question is whether any of these

10 questions and answers relate in any way, although

11 it appears to be directed to A-254751, whether they

12 relate in any way to 518?

13 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

14 THE WITNESS: I think probably not. It's,

15 you know, as you read through, you might find

16 some point in there that could relate to the

17 others, but this was really focused in on

18 A-254751.

19 Q. Okay. We're done with that one.

20 (Exhibit No. 11, JH 003014 - 003026,

21 marked for identification.)

22 Q. All right. Have you had a chance to look

23 at that?

24 A. Yeah. I just -- yeah, just glanced at the

1 first page, yes.

2 Q. All right. So is the first page an e-mail  
3 that you sent to Mr. Blewitt on July 11, 2000?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that contained the remainder of the  
6 research summaries on the proposed compounds,  
7 specifically 980, 254751 and 594?

8 A. The remainder. I'm not sure of. It  
9 obviously contains information about those.

10 Q. Okay. I say remainder because you then  
11 say, "I think now you have a complete set of  
12 summaries."

13 A. Well then that would be a fair  
14 description.

15 Q. Then you say, "Let me know, as they are  
16 all done." So --

17 A. All right. You win that point.

18 Q. You got to take what you can get.  
19 All right. Now, you say in the, about two-thirds of  
20 the way down, "for A-254751 and ABT-594 there are  
21 questions in my mind about whether they will  
22 complete clinical trials." Do you see that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Let's focus on 594. At this point in

1 time, what was your understanding of the status of  
2 the clinical trial for 594?

3 A. Now, this is off the top of my head, but I  
4 thought it was in Phase II, I believe.

5 Q. Correct.

6 A. Yeah, the more I think about it, I knew it  
7 was in Phase II.

8 Q. And you had concern about whether it was  
9 going to be able to complete Phase II, correct?

10 A. Yeah. I was worried about the side  
11 effects of nausea and headaches.

12 Q. And so you said, "That makes it even more  
13 important that we see a summary of the latest  
14 clinical trial data," right?

15 A. I said that, yes.

16 Q. What clinical trial data were you  
17 referring to?

18 A. I am presuming it would be the Phase II  
19 data, given that it was in Phase II clinical trials  
20 and perhaps Phase I as well. I wrote this comment  
21 many years ago, so I can't really say exactly what  
22 was in the back of my mind.

23 Q. Well, do you recall that the clinical  
24 studies said the Phase II trial was not going to be

1 completed until --

2 A. I don't recall.

3 Q. Just a minute.

4 A. Oh, sorry. I thought you were finished.

5 Q. I'm sorry. It was my fault. I'm making a

6 long pause, but I want to get it right.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. So just be patient with me.

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. Let me put it this way: Do you recall

11 that -- being told by Abbott that the Phase II(b),

12 dose ranging trial, again in April 2000?

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. Do you recall that Abbott told Hancock

15 that a go/no go decision for clinical efficacy was

16 expected in June 2001?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. Assuming the Phase II(b) study was ongoing

19 at the time you wrote this, but not complete, what

20 clinical trial data were you referring to when you

21 said we should -- it's important that we see a

22 summary of the latest clinical trial data?

23 A. I can only answer that question

24 indirectly. And the indirect answer is again I was

1 worried about the so-called therapeutic index  
2 between effective concentrations and side effects.

3 And beyond that, I can't say whether I had  
4 particular data in mind.

5 Q. Did you discuss with Mr. Blewitt going  
6 back to Abbott and asking them for any clinical  
7 trial data that Hancock didn't already have?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. Do you recall in any discussion with  
10 Dr. Leonard asking for additional clinical data?

11 A. Having read that -- reread that interview  
12 recently, I don't believe we asked for it.

13 Q. Even though you concluded that it was even  
14 more important that you see a summary of the latest  
15 clinical trial data?

16 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah. All I can say is the  
18 fact that we didn't ask for it in the  
19 interview.

20 Q. Do you have a recollection as to why you  
21 didn't pursue this?

22 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

23 THE WITNESS: Again, I think about all I  
24 can say is at this point Steve Blewitt had

1     seen a lot of things, things beyond what I was  
2     doing for him, and he was comfortable with  
3     moving forward at this point.

4     Q. And you don't have any knowledge or  
5     recollection of asking Abbott for clinical trial  
6     data with respect to 594 and being refused,  
7     correct?

8     A. Yeah. I certainly have no recollection of  
9     being refused and am pretty sure that I never asked  
10    for any.

11    Q. All right. Now, attached to this are some  
12    potential -- are some Questions For Experts On  
13    Neuropathic Pain, correct?

14    A. Uh-huh.

15    Q. You talk about a small therapeutic window  
16    in the proposed questions; is that right?

17    A. Yes.

18    Q. And can you explain what that means,  
19    please?

20    A. The therapeutic window is the difference  
21    between the concentration at which a drug is  
22    effective and the concentration where there are  
23    significant side effects so that you might not  
24    administer it, usually expressed as a ratio of one

1 over the other.

2 Q. And did you have any particular side

3 effects in mind when you used the words

4 "intolerable side effects" in the definition?

5 A. Well, I was worried about whether the

6 headaches and nausea would be intolerable.

7 Q. And that was worry about whether it would

8 be intolerable at the dosage level that was needed

9 for efficacy?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And is it fair to say that the precise

12 dosage level needed for efficacy was not known at

13 this time?

14 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: I think going back to the

16 descriptive memoranda, that there was

17 information, because I repeat it in other

18 documents, about what the effective dosage was

19 or the kinds of dosages that they were using.

20 Q. In Phase I?

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

23 Q. I mean, one of the purposes of the Phase

24 II(b) trial is to determine the effective dosage --



1 that's what it would mean to me.

2 Q. Now, in the next paragraph you talk about  
3 a Merck study and Novartis findings. You seem to  
4 be talking about side effects here that appear to  
5 be more serious than headache or vomiting; is that  
6 fair?

7 A. Yes, that's what I'm talking about.

8 Q. And what kind of side effects are you  
9 talking about?

10 A. Well, I'd have to read here.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Well, I'm quoting from Merck and they talk  
13 about hypothermia and life threatening adverse  
14 effects, including seizures; so those would be the  
15 things I'm talking about from Merck.

16 And Novartis has other findings, but they  
17 don't mean so much to me today because I've  
18 forgotten the details.

19 Q. But they're not about headache and  
20 vomiting, are they?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Or nausea?

23 A. No.

24 Q. They're about more serious --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- significant side effects?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And that's what you refer to when you talk  
5 about toxicity and narrow therapeutic window, isn't  
6 it?

7 A. Yes. These are in rats, though, and rats  
8 and humans can be --

9 Q. Oh --

10 A. -- very different.

11 Q. -- yeah.

12 So those were the side effects you were  
13 talking about when you were talking about a narrow  
14 therapeutic window, right?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, I think when I'm  
17 talking about a narrow therapeutic windows in  
18 humans, I'm talking more about the observed  
19 nausea and headaches that were in the  
20 descriptive memoranda and not so much the rat  
21 studies. The rat studies are just more of a  
22 caution that there could be a problem.

23 Q. When you raised this with Dr. Leonard,  
24 didn't he tell you that they didn't think 594 had

1 these serious side effects; they just had minor  
2 ones like nausea and vomiting?

3 A. His comment was something like, and this  
4 is from recollection and rereading his interview,  
5 that I would take one human over, was it a thousand  
6 rats or something like that. I can't remember  
7 exactly what his comment was.

8 Q. Well, can you answer my question which was  
9 a little different.

10 A. Oh, sorry.

11 Q. Didn't Dr. Leonard tell you that the kind  
12 of serious side effects, dangerous side effects  
13 that you were raising that had been raised by Merck  
14 and Novartis were not present in the upper limit  
15 dose, but were only minor, like headache and  
16 vomiting?

17 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay. He certainly said  
19 that the headaches and nausea were only minor  
20 and were not serious side effects. My only  
21 recollection of what he said about the more  
22 serious effects seen in rats was the statement  
23 I just made to you.

24 Now, maybe if I look over the transcript

1 I've written something else down.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. But my memory was just this comment about  
4 he would take one human over a very large number of  
5 rats.

6 Q. But he told you the side effects were  
7 minor such as headache and vomiting, correct?

8 A. Yes, that's what he -- that's what he --

9 Q. Okay. All right. Let's move on.

10 (Exhibit No. 12, JH 002999 - 003001,  
11 marked for identification.)

12 (Off-the-record discussion held.)

13 Q. All right. So can you identify for me the  
14 cover page of Klotz Exhibit 12 as an e-mail you  
15 wrote to Mr. Blewitt on July 18, 2000?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And did you attach an interview you had  
18 with Mitchell Max about neuropathic pain compounds?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. The neuropathic pain compound in question  
21 here was 594, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And this was the expert that you talked to  
24 about 594, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Was there anyone else, any other expert

3 you, either before or after this, talked to about

4 594?

5 A. I don't believe so. I believe the other

6 experts were in other areas.

7 Q. Am I correct that you got all your key

8 questions answered by, is it Dr. Max?

9 A. Yes. Apparently -- apparently, I did.

10 But whenever I do an interview, it's my standard

11 policy to say I may have a few additional questions

12 at some later time, may I call you back. And if

13 you say that to somebody as opposed to calling them

14 cold a second time, they're generally receptive.

15 Q. But your feeling as of July 18, 2000 was

16 that you got all your key questions answered?

17 A. At that point, yes.

18 Q. So you met all your concerns about --

19 potential concerns about this compound, you

20 discussed them with Dr. Max?

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm going to have to read

23 through to answer that.

24 Q. Okay.

1 Q. And that related to some other compound  
2 called ABT-924.

3 A. 924?

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 A. What are we talking about here? We're  
6 talking about 524; I think that's a typo.

7 Q. I was wondering about that.

8 A. Yes. Yeah.

9 MR. DAVIS: You mean 594?

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah, 594. Is there -- I  
11 don't even know if there's a 924 in the  
12 packet. I think I just had the wrong number  
13 in my mind when I wrote the memo would be my  
14 guess.

15 Q. Now, I don't see any specific discussion  
16 here about nausea and vomiting. Do you have a  
17 recollection that you specifically discussed that  
18 with Dr. Max?

19 A. Well, if it's not in here, I didn't.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. We talked about the therapeutic window  
22 and --

23 Q. Yeah, I see that.

24 A. -- that's what I was talking about.

1 Q. Well, the side effects that we looked at  
2 before, the significant side effects that Merck and  
3 Novartis were talking about --

4 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

5 Q. -- that we looked at in the other memo,  
6 correct?

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

8 THE WITNESS: We looked at those side  
9 effects. Here I was trying to be as general  
10 as possible.

11 When I stated further back that it would  
12 be good to talk to a pain expert, Dr. Max at  
13 least appears to qualify as a pain expert.  
14 And I was just asking him in general about  
15 side effects, about therapeutic windows with  
16 side effects.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. So I had in the back of my mind,  
19 obviously, the Abbott side effects, but I did not  
20 ask the question that way because I was hunting for  
21 a general answer.

22 Q. And he felt the therapeutic window of two  
23 was acceptable for pain?

24 A. That's what he said.

1 Q. And you accepted that?

2 A. He's the expert, yes.

3 Q. And you were satisfied with that?

4 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

5 THE WITNESS: Well, satisfied, satisfied

6 is too strong a word. It just says that in

7 this kind of pain therapy, chronic pain

8 therapy, as in cancer therapy, you can accept

9 therapeutic windows which are not -- far from

10 ideal because the problem is a severe problem.

11 Cancer is deadly. Neuropathic pain as I

12 understand it is very difficult to deal with

13 for people. So it's -- I wouldn't say I would

14 accept it as an acceptable answer; I accepted

15 it as a fact of the field.

16 Q. Well, you accepted it in the sense that

17 you didn't go seeking any additional experts to

18 develop the point further?

19 A. Let me look at the date on this. July 18.

20 We're very close to the interview with Leonard, and

21 then after the interview with Leonard, the project

22 ended. So --

23 Q. Right. But your recollection is you did

24 not consult any other expert --



1 A. Well, no, I did not consult any other  
2 experts, no.

3 Q. -- on neuropathic pain?

4 A. No. To my recollection, yeah.

5 (Exhibit No. 13, JH 002984 - 002988,  
6 marked for identification.)

7 Q. Before we look at that document, I wanted  
8 to ask you one other thing about the last exhibit.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. You say in the e-mail, this is Exhibit 12,  
11 "The bottom line is that all drugs for neuropathic  
12 pain are mediocre." What did you mean by that?

13 A. Well, that's what Dr. Max said. He said  
14 they're all mediocre.

15 Q. What did you understand that to mean?

16 A. They don't work so well, they have side  
17 effects or some combination of those two.

18 Q. Just kind of goes with the territory; is  
19 that what he was saying?

20 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

21 Q. I'll strike that.

22 A. At that time in that territory --

23 MR. DAVIS: Objection. He's -- he's  
24 withdrawn the question.

1 THE WITNESS: Okay. Fine. I missed that  
2 part.

3 Q. What he was saying was at that time -- to  
4 your understanding at that time that the drugs  
5 available for neuropathic pain either didn't work  
6 so great or had side effects or both?

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

8 Q. Is that fair?

9 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

10 THE WITNESS: I can respond? Okay. Or  
11 some combination of those two.

12 Q. Or some combination.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. Now, looking at Exhibit 13, is  
15 the cover document an e-mail you wrote to  
16 Mr. Blewitt on July 23?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Working Sundays, I see.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And was this a list of -- a continued  
21 refinement of a list of questions that you wanted  
22 to ask Abbott?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, on the second paragraph on the page

1 that's stamped 002986 --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- you say, "From your descriptive

4 memorandum, ABT-594 appears to have a therapeutic

5 window of only two to three."

6 Is it your recollection Abbott disclosed

7 this therapeutic window in the descriptive

8 memorandum?

9 A. I think it was my interpretation of

10 reading the material in the descriptive memorandum.

11 Q. The information necessary for you to get

12 to that conclusion was disclosed in the memorandum,

13 correct?

14 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

15 THE WITNESS: I think so. I'd have to go

16 back and look at the memorandum.

17 Q. We'll do that. I'm not trying to hide it

18 from you. We'll get there.

19 A. No.

20 Q. All right. Over on page 2988, the last

21 page --

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. -- you're talking about cytostatic drugs

24 and you say, "In this regard" -- and this is I

1 guess a proposed discussion with Abbott -- "In this  
2 regard metalloproteinase inhibitors are  
3 particularly worrisome."

4 Am I correct that 518 was a  
5 metalloproteinase inhibitor?

6 A. Metalloproteinase inhibitor, yes.

7 Q. And that was particularly worrisome to you  
8 based upon what you had learned, correct?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Is that yes?

11 A. Yes. Excuse me.

12 Q. And you also repeat here what we talked  
13 about earlier with respect to the findings on  
14 marimastat. Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Then you say, "Abbott states that  
17 marimastat has dose limiting joint side effects."

18 Is that your recollection that Abbott had  
19 told you that marimastat had these problems?

20 A. Well, until the Leonard interview, I never  
21 talked directly with Abbott, so I'm presuming that  
22 was in the -- the --

23 Q. The memorandum?

24 A. -- the memorandum, yes, descriptive

1 memorandum.

2 Q. You recall that you did ask Abbott about

3 marimastat, correct?

4 A. I recall I asked Abbott those questions in

5 the context of 518. I don't recall offhand whether

6 I had mentioned marimastat.

7 Q. Do you remember specifically Dr. Leonard

8 talking about British Biotech and marimastat?

9 A. No, I don't remember.

10 MR. WEINBERGER: This would be a good time

11 to break for lunch if you want.

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.

13 The time is 12:14.

14 (Proceedings interrupted at 12:14 p.m. and

15 reconvened at 1:17 p.m.)

16 (Exhibit No. 14, e-mail dated July 11,

17 2000, marked for identification.)

18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.

19 The time is 1:17.

20 BY MR. WEINBERGER:

21 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Klotz.

22 A. Good afternoon.

23 Q. You have in front of you Klotz Exhibit 14.

24 It's an e-mail dated -- can you just verify for me

1 that the cover sheet is an e-mail dated July 11,

2 2000 from you to Mr. Blewitt?

3 A. Yes, it is.

4 Q. And is this enclosing additional

5 information on the neuropathic pain situation?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. So this is an update of the document we

8 looked at before?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. All right. I just wanted to get that into

11 the record. We don't need to go into it.

12 Let me get the next document for you.

13 (Exhibit No. 15, JH002973 - 002979, marked

14 for identification.)

15 Q. Is the attachment to the e-mail the notes

16 of the Leonard telephone interview that you

17 discussed earlier in your testimony?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was there a later version or as far as you

20 know is this the one?

21 A. No. This was the last version.

22 Q. Okay. And when -- can you tell me when

23 you had this telephone interview with Dr. Leonard?

24 A. I don't remember exactly. I'm surprised

1 it's not on the memo.

2 Q. But it was sometime before July 28, 2000?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Then after the telephone conference, you

5 wrote up these notes to reflect your best

6 recollection of what transpired; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And am I correct that you concluded that

9 there was no indication of any deception on

10 Abbott's part after this interview with Dr. Leonard

11 and the other people from Abbott?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And am I correct that except for one

14 question regarding the patent issue on 594, your

15 questions were answered satisfactorily?

16 A. I have to qualify that answer, because I

17 can't remember what the -- what the issue was with

18 the patent on 594; but I would say that my

19 questions otherwise were answered satisfactorily.

20 Q. Okay. Okay. You also say in the e-mail,

21 "Let's talk to see where we go from here and to

22 discuss the format of the final report."

23 Was there a final report that you were

24 expecting to produce for Hancock at this stage?

1 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

2 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. I think I was

3 asking what he really wanted to do next.

4 Q. When you say "to discuss the format of the

5 final report," had you previously talked to him

6 about producing a final report as part of your

7 work?

8 A. I can't remember.

9 Q. Did you ever produce a final report?

10 A. No. This was it.

11 Q. So after this write-up of the Leonard

12 interview, you produced no further work product in

13 connection with your engagement; is that correct?

14 A. No further work product is correct.

15 Q. And you did no further work; is that

16 correct?

17 A. No further work.

18 Q. Did Mr. Blewitt tell you not to do

19 anything further?

20 A. He did not tell me directly or even

21 indirectly.

22 Q. He just didn't ask you to do anything

23 else?

24 A. He just did not ask me to do anything



1 recollection again was that this was before

2 Abbott, not after Abbott.

3 Q. So you have a clear --

4 A. But I could be --

5 Q. -- recollection that after your interview

6 with Dr. Leonard you did no further work?

7 A. Yes, that is a clear recollection.

8 MR. DAVIS: Please let him finish the

9 questions, then pause.

10 THE WITNESS: I thought he had finished.

11 Q. So were you aware that there was a change

12 in one of the compounds; an additional compound --

13 one compound was discontinued and another was added

14 to the basket af --

15 THE WITNESS: No, I wasn't.

16 MR. DAVIS: Let him finish the question.

17 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

18 Q. -- after July of 2000?

19 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

20 THE WITNESS: No. I was not aware until I

21 recontacted four or five years later --

22 Q. Okay. So in other words are you --

23 (Interruption by the reporter.)

24 THE WITNESS: Later with Choate Hall and

1 Stewart.

2 Q. Okay. So it's quite clear that in your  
3 mind that Mr. Blewitt never contacted you to ask  
4 you to do any further evaluation on additional  
5 compounds after your interview with Dr. Leonard?

6 A. It's clear in my mind, yes.

7 Q. Okay. All right. Let's look at the --  
8 let's look at the interview memo.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. What number is that, sir? 15?

11 A. 15, I think, yeah.

12 Q. Were there three people on this call from  
13 Abbott?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Now one was Dr. Leonard. One was -- was  
16 the second one Phil Demer (phonetic).

17 A. I got his name just the other day, but I  
18 didn't know it until then.

19 Q. And the third was Steve Cohen?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you were on the call with Mr. Blewitt?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Were you in the same room as Mr. Blewitt?

24 A. No. We called from, I believe from

1 Hancock's offices.

2 Q. So were you and Mr. Blewitt together?

3 A. We were together -- oh, that's a good

4 question. Were we together? I don't remember.

5 Q. Did you take notes of this interview?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Handwritten notes?

8 A. Handwritten notes.

9 Q. What did you do with them?

10 A. When everything from that project got

11 destroyed, I presume they got destroyed with them.

12 Q. Do you know if Mr. Blewitt was taking

13 notes?

14 A. I can't remember.

15 Q. Let's look at the notes on 594.

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. The statements in italic, were those

18 questions that you asked Dr. Leonard?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you ask the questions or did

21 Mr. Blewitt ask the questions?

22 A. I asked the questions.

23 Q. And was -- is the written description of

24 this question that starts from your descriptive

1 memorandum "594 appears to have a therapeutic  
2 window of only two to three," et cetera, is this an  
3 accurate description of what you asked him?

4 A. I think I probably read the questions  
5 directly.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I can't say certainly, it's been so long,  
8 but I think I probably did.

9 Q. Now, are the answers that are here as  
10 close to verbatim as you could get them?

11 A. As close to verbatim as I could get them  
12 from handwritten notes, transcribing them within a  
13 few days after the interview; that was usually my  
14 style. I can't say the exact time period between  
15 the two there.

16 Q. And you meant to include every point you  
17 thought was important, correct?

18 A. I meant to include points, tried to  
19 capture the way things were said as well as  
20 possible from the handwritten notes.

21 Q. Now, with respect to 594, in response to  
22 your question about therapeutic window, you state  
23 Dr. Leonard said, quote, when we give patients the  
24 upper limit dose, the side effects aren't

1 dangerous, colon, headache, comma, vomiting.

2 A. Now where is this exactly?

3 Q. That's at the bottom of page 2975.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Is that what he said to you?

6 A. Yeah. I would say to the extent that I

7 had to paraphrase, that's was what he said, yes.

8 Q. So he told you that patients who were

9 given the upper limit dose experienced headache and

10 vomiting, correct?

11 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, he did.

13 Q. And he categorized those as minor side

14 effects?

15 A. Yes, he did.

16 Q. Did you ask him any further questions

17 about headache and vomiting?

18 A. I can't remember.

19 Q. Is there any reason if you had asked

20 further questions or had further concerns you

21 wouldn't have put them in this memo?

22 A. Again, I can't remember exactly, but I

23 think they would have been in the memo.

24 Q. Is there anything else that you believe

1 Mr. -- Dr. Leonard said about this that you didn't  
2 write down?

3 A. Not that I remember.

4 Q. What did you understand him to mean when  
5 he said the upper limit dose?

6 A. I would -- at the time, I can't say what I  
7 thought. I can answer looking at it now.

8 Q. What do you think it means looking at it  
9 now?

10 A. I think maximum dose that they used in the  
11 clinical trials in Phase II.

12 Q. Well, he didn't have the results of the  
13 clinical trials in Phase II at the time of this  
14 call, did he?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, he seemed to know what  
17 concentrations were being used; they were in  
18 the descriptive memorandum.

19 Q. Right. But the results of this trial were  
20 not -- you didn't understand that the results of  
21 this trial were available --

22 A. Well --

23 MR. DAVIS: Please let him finish the  
24 question and let me object. If necessary.

1 Q. He was telling you the opposite, right?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

3 Q. I'll strike the question.

4 A. That makes more sense.

5 Q. It's just an argument.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. It's just rhetorical.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. So sitting here today you don't know what  
10 dose limit he was referring to when he talked about  
11 the upper limit dose?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you remember we looked at a document  
14 earlier that talked about 150 micrograms as being  
15 an upper limit dose?

16 A. Yes. I remember the document.

17 Q. Do you think he might have been referring  
18 to that?

19 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

20 THE WITNESS: Again, I'd have to  
21 speculate.

22 Q. Okay. Looking at the entire discussion on  
23 594, is there anything that you recall Dr. Leonard  
24 saying that you have not captured in this interview

1 memo?

2 A. Again, I can't recall.

3 Q. Well, I'll ask the question, is there

4 anything you can recall Dr. Leonard saying that is

5 not in the interview memo?

6 A. Yes. I can't recall that either.

7 Q. So just to be clear, there's nothing you

8 can recall Dr. Leonard said on the 594 that's not

9 in this document, correct?

10 A. Not at this point in time many years

11 later, I cannot recall, yes.

12 Q. Okay. Now, looking over at page 2977 --

13 strike that.

14 Go back to 594. I take it you didn't ask

15 him for any clinical trial data, correct?

16 A. No. I did not. I took him at his word.

17 Q. Well, and Dr. -- I'm sorry -- Mr. Blewitt

18 didn't ask him for it either, correct?

19 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

20 Q. On this call.

21 A. I don't recall that he did or not.

22 Q. Now, you did ask him for some

23 pharmacokinetic data with respect to another

24 compound, correct?



1 A. No, I understand. Yeah.

2 Q. All right. Then there's a discussion of  
3 cytostatic drugs, except for ABT-627. Am I correct  
4 that that discussion would have included the 518?

5 A. I presume, yes, it would have included.

6 Q. And along the lines of the questions that  
7 you had formulated earlier that we talked about,  
8 you asked him about the -- strike that.

9 You told him your view that this was a  
10 crowded field with a lot of competitive products,  
11 right?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Is that yes?

14 A. Excuse me.

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm just trying to  
17 see where I said that in here. Oh, top  
18 question; okay. Yes. In the top question, I  
19 did.

20 Q. And his reply was, "I agree that for  
21 cytostatic drugs in general there may be 50 to 200  
22 in testing. To get the market lead, get one that  
23 works. In this business there are a number of  
24 people who start things, many more than the ones

1 who finish."

2 Is that basically what he said?

3 A. Yes, that's basically what he said and I

4 would say that's a fair answer.

5 Q. Why is it a fair answer?

6 A. Well, a lot of companies, biotech

7 companies, and I suppose even pharmaceutical

8 companies as well, have ambitions, and for some

9 reason things drop out long before they get

10 anywhere near market.

11 Q. It happens to pharmaceutical companies,

12 too, doesn't it?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 Q. Including companies like Abbott?

15 A. Yes. Pharma has some statistics, I can't

16 remember the exact numbers, but the numbers of the

17 drugs in discovery that actually end up going into

18 clinical trials; there's a huge, huge difference

19 between the two.

20 Q. Yeah. There's many, many more drugs that

21 go into discovery in clinical trials than

22 ultimately are marketed?

23 A. Yes. And even things that enter clinical

24 trials still today only 20 percent make it out the

1 other end. So yes.

2 Q. Do you have any understanding for the

3 reasons for those statistics?

4 A. Yeah, I do. And I can give you a lecture

5 on it actually.

6 Q. Well, not a lecture, actually --

7 A. I'll do it in a couple of minutes.

8 Q. Always the teacher.

9 A. First I start noting that the success rate

10 for drugs out of clinical trials 20 years ago was

11 20 percent, and today it's not much different. In

12 fact, if anything it may be slightly less. But

13 let's say it's 20 percent.

14 And then you have all of modern

15 biotechnology, which is certainly guiding the

16 development of most drugs these days, except for

17 sort of follow on drugs from existing drugs.

18 And so it's a legitimate question. We

19 have all this biotechnology. We have the Human

20 Genome Project which is identifying targets. Why

21 don't we have a better success rate in clinical

22 trials? And plus, there are a number of companies

23 out there that are looking specifically at

24 improving the success rate of clinical trials.

1 MR. DAVIS: I don't think that actually

2 describes what he was consulted on --

3 THE WITNESS: No, it --

4 MR. DAVIS: -- but you can respond.

5 THE WITNESS: -- doesn't describe because

6 that's putting numbers on things and that was

7 not my job in this particular project.

8 Q. Well, you weren't quantifying but --

9 A. I was not quantifying.

10 Q. -- you were trying to evaluate the

11 likelihood that these compounds would be successful

12 and would be successful both from a scientific

13 point of view and from a competitive point of view;

14 is that fair?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

16 THE WITNESS: Qualitatively, yes.

17 Q. So with that in mind is why I'm asking you

18 for your view as to why the success rate for new

19 drugs has been so low historically.

20 A. That's too --

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection. Objection. I

22 don't think that follows, but you can respond.

23 THE WITNESS: That's too -- that's too

24 general a question because the success rate

1 depends on the particular drug and the  
2 particular type of drug and things like that.  
3 I mean, I could tell you where they fall  
4 out of clinical trials; something like  
5 25 percent fall out in the safety trials. And  
6 that reflects the fact that mice studies,  
7 although they're necessary to get something  
8 into clinical trials, are -- mice are very  
9 different than humans and other animals as  
10 well.  
11 I think it's another -- again, these  
12 numbers are off the top of my head. I mean, I  
13 have them written down in type -- other  
14 places. Something like 40 percent fail in  
15 Phase II. And three reasons: One of which is  
16 they turn out not to be efficacious enough or  
17 efficacious in humans. Second reason is that  
18 safety trials, although not formal, safety is  
19 still being monitored all the way through, and  
20 some fall out for safety reasons. And I don't  
21 remember the percentage off the top of my  
22 head.  
23 Others fall out for business reasons. The  
24 company may just decide it's not going in that

1 direction. It can make any number of business  
2 decisions for dropping something out of  
3 clinical trials.

4 Once things are through Phase II the  
5 probability is fairly high that they will get  
6 through Phase III. And again, I can't  
7 remember the number. Maybe at that point, 70  
8 to 80 percent, something like that.

9 And if they successfully completed Phase  
10 III and have an NDA, the probability is still  
11 not 100 percent that they get marketed because  
12 there could be a business decision or some  
13 sort of late, you know, late effects, side  
14 effects showing up or something like that.

15 So those are the general reasons, but it  
16 really is very much class of drug dependent.

17 Q. Well, why would a company drop a compound  
18 for business reasons that had not failed clinical  
19 trials? I think you indicated that that happens.

20 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

21 Q. Why would that happen?

22 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

23 THE WITNESS: Should I answer that?

24 MR. DAVIS: To the extent that you know

1 and don't speculate.

2 THE WITNESS: It's pure speculation as to

3 why a company might drop a particular drug.

4 Q. I understand you couldn't speculate on why

5 a particular company dropped a particular drug.

6 But in general, could you give me kind of the range

7 of reasons why that might happen if you have an

8 understanding of that?

9 A. Yeah. A competitor gets a drug in the

10 marketplace and it looks pretty good, and it

11 doesn't look like the particular drug that his

12 company has is going to measure up to the

13 competitors'.

14 Pharmaceutical companies change at least

15 sub-strategies if not major strategies from time to

16 time. And they may just decide they're going to go

17 in this direction and not that direction. And

18 there could be, you know, anticipated technical

19 issues, anticipated regulatory issues, I mean,

20 there's any host of reasons, but it's all

21 speculation in a way. So --

22 Q. Okay. Now in response to your question,

23 which is on 2978, concerning the number of agents

24 in clinical trials and in preclinical testing.

1 Other than what you wrote down here, did Mr.  
2 Leonard say anything else about this in response to  
3 this question that you can recall?

4 A. Again, I really can't recall the details.  
5 I certainly tried to get everything that was  
6 important down.

7 Q. Okay. That's fair enough.

8 All right. If you look over to page 2979,  
9 did you tell Dr. Leonard that metalloproteinase  
10 inhibitors -- I'm sure I'm mispronouncing that.

11 A. Metalloproteinase.

12 Q. Inhibitors are particularly worrisome?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. And you told him that -- you discussed  
15 with him the literature findings about marimastat  
16 having no survival advantage in advance pancreatic  
17 cancer?

18 A. My best recollection is I read these  
19 questions verbatim, so I would have.

20 Q. Okay. And you also said, "Could failure  
21 for approval of marimastat make the approval  
22 barriers higher for follow on drugs?"

23 Was it your information at that point that  
24 marimastat would likely fail the approval -- fail



1 to get approval?

2 A. I think from reading this question here --

3 again, my memory doesn't inform me on this -- that

4 I'm just asking, you know, an if, what if question,

5 could failure for approval of marimastat make the

6 approval barrier higher for follow on --

7 Q. Well, you understood based on the

8 information you had about marimastat that it might

9 not be approved?

10 A. I was -- I was, either based on

11 information or my general knowledge of clinical

12 trials and my general concerns about cytostatic

13 drugs might have been enough for me to word that

14 question in that way.

15 Q. Dr. Leonard didn't tell you that he

16 thought marimastat would be approved, did he?

17 A. No, I don't think he did.

18 Q. In fact, he said that it was -- British

19 Biotech had problems with marimastat, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

22 A. Yes, that's what he's saying, yeah.

23 Q. In fact, he said that marimastat was not

24 selective enough, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And he said that Abbott's drug had an  
3 enzyme that would avoid the kind of joint side  
4 effects that marimastat apparently had?

5 A. That's what he's saying there implicitly,  
6 yes.

7 Q. And you never got any information that  
8 that was incorrect, did you?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Is there anything about the 518 that  
11 Dr. Leonard said in this interview that is not  
12 recorded in this memo?

13 A. Not that I remember; but I don't remember  
14 is probably the appropriate answer.

15 Q. Okay. And I know -- I think I've asked  
16 you this before, but just to make sure: Is there  
17 anything else that came up about anything in this  
18 interview that is not recorded in these notes?

19 A. I don't remember. Again, I tried to get  
20 everything important down that I was able to catch  
21 in my written notes.

22 Q. Okay. Now, when you wrote in the cover  
23 e-mail, "there's certainly no indication of any  
24 deception on Abbott's part," why did you write

1 that; was someone concerned about deception on  
2 Abbott's part?

3 A. I think we were concerned about -- or not  
4 concerned about -- but the project goal. The goal  
5 as we saw it was to make sure that what we read in  
6 the descriptive memoranda, which described all  
7 these drugs fairly completely, was consistent with  
8 what we could find out on the outside. If we found  
9 something that was really inconsistent, one might  
10 characterize it as deception, but that did not  
11 necessarily have to be the word that I used there;  
12 I could have used inconsistency.

13 Q. Mr. Blewitt hadn't suggested to you that  
14 he thought Abbott was deceiving him in some way?

15 A. No.

16 Q. That didn't come up?

17 A. No. The working assumption was that  
18 Abbott was accurate in what they said. But we felt  
19 we had to verify it, make sure what they said was  
20 consistent with what we found on the outside.

21 Q. Okay. And that was your conclusion  
22 that --

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. -- what you found on the outside was

1 consistent with what Abbott said?

2 A. And Leonard's interview, yes.

3 Q. All right.

4 (Exhibit No. 17, JH 001203 - 001220,  
5 marked for identification.)

6 Q. Aside from the consulting work that you  
7 are doing with Choate, have you ever seen this  
8 document before?

9 A. No, besides the consulting work. In  
10 fact --

11 Q. Did you see any -- go ahead.

12 A. In fact, I think I saw it for the first  
13 time either two days ago or this morning.

14 Q. All right. Did you -- did you ever see  
15 any drafts of this document?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did Mr. Blewitt ever discuss with you a  
18 recommendation memo that he was preparing for the  
19 investment internally in John Hancock?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Over on page 1209 the document has a  
22 summary of estimated sales. Would you take a look  
23 at that.

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 own calculations when I do these kinds of things.

2 Q. You didn't discuss the Lehman curve --

3 A. No.

4 Q. -- with Mr. Blewitt?

5 A. No. I discussed my own in some memo way  
6 back.

7 Q. All right. Over on page 11, which is  
8 stamped 1213 --

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. -- the document discusses the due  
11 diligence process. You see in the middle of the  
12 indented paragraph it says, "We engaged Dr. Lynn  
13 Klotz to search the major drug and medical  
14 databases," et cetera, et cetera.

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Can you read from there to the end of the  
17 paragraph and tell me if there's anything in there  
18 that you disagree with?

19 A. "We engaged Dr. Lynn Klotz" --

20 Q. You can read it to yourself.

21 A. Okay. Yeah, I don't see anything I  
22 disagree with in there.

23 Q. And his conclusion, in summary, none of  
24 our diligence revealed any information that was

1 materially different than what Abbott had provided  
2 to us. End quote. You'll agree with that,  
3 correct?

4 A. I agree with it, yes, at the time I  
5 completed the project, yes.

6 Q. Have you ever used Monte Carlo simulation  
7 to model returns on a portfolio of drugs?

8 A. I've used Monte Carlo simulations, but not  
9 for returns of portfolios of drugs.

10 Q. What were you --

11 A. For scientific endeavors.

12 Q. Not for scientific endeavors.

13 A. No, for scientific endeavors.

14 Q. For scientific --

15 A. For scientific.

16 Q. But not in connection --

17 A. Not in connection with --

18 MR. DAVIS: Please, let him finish his  
19 question.

20 Q. All right. Have you ever used the DiMasi  
21 study to determine the probability of success of  
22 various drugs?

23 A. Yes. I've used his, and I've used a few  
24 others which I couldn't recite to you right now. I

1 think my approach was to average the various  
2 studies. They weren't all that different, so --

3 Q. And DiMasi study, could you describe what  
4 that is?

5 A. Well, he was evaluating the average cost  
6 of taking a drug from discovery to the marketplace,  
7 and he looked at, I can't remember the exact  
8 number, but something like 100 drugs out of  
9 pharmaceutical companies.

10 He had three versions of that study. And  
11 the two I'm familiar with was the one in the  
12 mid-90s, and then he repeated it, oh, I don't know,  
13 2003 maybe, something like that.

14 And he found that with the appropriate  
15 discounting of money and all those things and  
16 taking into account that drugs that made it to the  
17 marketplace also had to reflect the cost of drugs  
18 that failed, he found it cost over \$800 million to  
19 take an average drug through discovery, clinical  
20 trials, and on to the marketplace.

21 Q. That's with respect to the cost. What I'm  
22 interested in is the probability of success.

23 Have you used any of his calculations to  
24 determine or estimate the probability of success of

1 Q. -- with respect to that model --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- right?

4 But he did not ask you to use that model  
5 or to help him in any analysis in this transaction,  
6 correct?

7 A. He did not ask me, no.

8 Q. Okay. I appreciate you waiting.

9 Let's just for the purpose of completeness  
10 mark the document which I think is the one you're  
11 referring to.

12 (Exhibit No. 18, JH 000695 - 000727,  
13 marked for identification.)

14 Q. There's no date on the cover of this  
15 report. Do you think this was sent at the end of  
16 your work?

17 A. No. I think -- well, I don't know for  
18 sure; likely in the middle somewhere.

19 Q. And what prompted you to send this  
20 material to Mr. Blewitt?

21 A. Well, I was not involved in the financial  
22 end. And I just didn't have any measure of the  
23 degree of expertise that they had in pharmaceutical  
24 calculations. So I just wanted to make sure that



1 he was aware of this.

2 Q. I'm sorry. You say you did have expertise  
3 in the subject?

4 A. I have expertise, yeah. I wasn't sure  
5 what the level of expertise at Hancock was because  
6 I was not involved in the financial stuff.

7 Q. This represents a model that you've used  
8 in your work to predict expected internal rate of  
9 return for investments in drug development?

10 A. And sometimes MPV.

11 Q. Sometimes MPV. And after you sent this to  
12 Mr. Blewitt, did you have any further discussions  
13 with him about this?

14 A. He said that they had the -- these are my  
15 paraphrase, I can't remember his exact words. He  
16 said that they had the financial end taken care of  
17 or were taking care of it or something like that.  
18 He indicated that they had all that under control.  
19 Again, my own words, not his, because I can't  
20 remember what his words were, but I remember the  
21 gist of them.

22 Q. All right. Let's go back to -- I want to  
23 ask you about this formula here on page 8, but I  
24 think I'm going to pass it up.

1 MR. DAVIS: Be my guest.

2 THE WITNESS: My excuse is I'm a  
3 mathematician. I don't like to sort of model  
4 things if I can get an analytic solution, so I  
5 want to get an analytic solution.

6 Q. I'd ask you about it but I don't want to  
7 show off.

8 A. It's geometric series and probably  
9 derivatives of geometric series. You don't want to  
10 ask.

11 Q. Back to Exhibit 17.

12 A. 17; okay.

13 Q. This is page 13, which is stamped 001215.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. And you see a box that has the list of  
16 compounds?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. And in phase, and then JH probability of  
19 approval. Do you see that?

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. Do you have any information as to where  
22 these probabilities came from?

23 A. No, I don't. I can tell you they didn't  
24 get them from me.

1 Q. They did not get them from you?

2 A. Yeah. Because my probabilities at that  
3 point were not broken down into different product  
4 categories.

5 Q. Meaning you had only one number or groups  
6 of numbers?

7 A. Yeah, for Phase III, I had one number and,  
8 you know, average over things, and Phase II, I had  
9 one number.

10 Q. What were your numbers?

11 A. Say it a slightly different way. 20 --  
12 the numbers I just gave you before, something like  
13 20 percent from beginning to end. And they weren't  
14 -- they weren't cast as -- well, they were cast as  
15 probability of approval, I guess. And you increase  
16 things something like 40 percent when you get  
17 through Phase II. I can't remember the exact  
18 numbers, but I've got them. And --

19 Q. Did you provide such numbers to  
20 Mr. Blewitt in writing?

21 A. If they're not in that memo where I'm  
22 describing my evaluation methodology, then I did  
23 not provide them.

24 Q. In the one we just marked?

1 A. Yeah. My recollection is that's the only  
2 time I brought that up. And when he said that they  
3 had the financial stuff, again, my paraphrasing,  
4 under control, that they were, you know --

5 Q. Can you look through there to see if  
6 there's anything that would represent that kind of  
7 estimate?

8 A. In that -- in which --

9 Q. In Exhibit 18, I think it is.

10 A. 18? Yeah, I can do that.

11 Yeah. On page 3 of the second document  
12 that's in there. JH 000702.

13 Q. Got it, yeah.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. So if I understand this correctly, you  
16 were assigning a .115 probability of a drug in  
17 preclinical reaching the market?

18 A. That -- that really depends on where it is  
19 in preclinical. That just happens to be in the  
20 example that I used here. It could be much lower,  
21 something early in preclinical, problematic drug,  
22 it could be lower; and that's one that's hard for  
23 anybody to estimate when it's in preclinical.

24 Q. And why -- and it's 23 percent chance of

1 drug in Phase I?

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. And 30 percent chance of a drug in Phase

4 II?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. And these are accumulative. In other

7 words, the 30 percent takes into account the

8 percentages in the previous case?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

11 THE WITNESS: It's from there to the end.

12 MR. DAVIS: When you say 30 percent, what

13 are you referring to?

14 MR. WEINBERGER: The Phase II, point 306.

15 MR. DAVIS: Point 306; okay.

16 Q. That's 30.6 percent, right?

17 A. Yeah.

18 I can tell you today I use a higher

19 probability for Phase II.

20 Q. Today than in 2000?

21 A. Than in 2000.

22 Probably based on more recent data. I

23 mean, this model just gets dusted off once every

24 few years, so my memory isn't exactly sharp on it.

1 Basically, this was just an illustration for him of  
2 what I would do. It doesn't use any real data that  
3 would relate to Abbott in any way.

4 Q. Is there anything in here that would  
5 relate to -- well, strike that.

6 The numbers in this chart on page 3, I  
7 understand they don't relate to Abbott, but is this  
8 based on some kind of industry wide information?

9 A. Yeah, I think --

10 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

11 THE WITNESS: At the time I had DiMasi's  
12 numbers, and there's a fellow Ashley Stephens,  
13 who at that time was head of licensing at Dana  
14 Farber.

15 Ashley has a degree in chemical physics  
16 from Oxford. The reason I know all this is he  
17 was -- he was a -- he was vice-president of  
18 marketing. He got appointed -- he got  
19 promoted to that position at some time during  
20 my stay at BioTechnica. And I have a physical  
21 chemistry background, so we could talk back  
22 and forth about mathy things.

23 Independent of me, he developed a model to  
24 do the same thing. And he published a paper

1 on it. I can't remember where it was

2 published now.

3 He gave a lecture in my course on the  
4 model, but we noted that we had both done this  
5 independently because as mathematician types,  
6 we think alike.

7 And these numbers I think are probably the  
8 average of all his plus DiMasi's. I can't  
9 remember exactly what they are at this point.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. But it's more than one that went --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- into that average at that point.

14 Q. Okay. Got it.

15 MR. WEINBERGER: The reporter tells me  
16 we're about out of tape so maybe we'll take  
17 our break now.

18 THE WITNESS: Okay.

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The marks the end of  
20 tape number two in the deposition of Lynn  
21 Klotz. Going off the record. The time is  
22 2:14.

23 (Proceedings interrupted at 2:14 p.m. and  
24 reconvened at 2:28 p.m.)

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.

2 Here marks the beginning of tape number three

3 in the deposition of Lynn Klotz. The time is

4 2:28.

5 BY MR. WEINBERGER:

6 Q. Dr. Klotz, could you look at -- we were

7 looking at Exhibit 17 before.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. I want to continue to ask you a few

10 questions about that.

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. Page 13, which is stamped 001215, please.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. Forgive me if I asked you this.

15 Everything is kind of melding together.

16 But did you have any input into the

17 probability of approval percentages that are listed

18 on this?

19 A. No input.

20 Q. If you'd look at the page beginning at

21 page 16, 001218.

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. And there's a description of compounds.

24 Did you prepare any of these descriptions?



1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. Page 17 under the heading 594, in  
3 the third paragraph, the document states, quote,  
4 our scientific consultant, Dr. Mitchell Max, NIH,  
5 eliminated an initial concern of ours that the,  
6 quote, therapeutic window, end quote, of ABT-594  
7 was too short and would potentially block approval.  
8 Dr. Max indicated that ABT-594's therapeutic window  
9 was acceptable.

10 Does that accord your recollection?

11 A. Yeah. I think my interview notes say  
12 pretty much the same thing in other words.

13 Q. So you knew what the therapeutic window  
14 was, and the question was whether that was going to  
15 be acceptable for this kind of a compound, right?

16 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

17 THE WITNESS: I was estimating what the  
18 therapeutic window was. But the red flag over  
19 possible side effects of 594 did not disappear  
20 until I talked to Dr. Leonard. And at that  
21 time he said it was not a serious issue, and  
22 so at that time I didn't see a problem.

23 Q. Which side effects are you talking about?

24 A. Well, headache and nausea were the two.

1 THE WITNESS: I can't, you know, it's hard  
2 for me to answer that. You're asking me to  
3 speculate what --  
4 Q. Well, do you think vomiting is a dangerous  
5 side effect?  
6 A. Could be.  
7 Q. And if Mr. -- Dr. Leonard told you that  
8 vomiting wasn't a dangerous side effect, you might  
9 still believe it was a dangerous --  
10 A. Was the word dangerous in my -- is that a  
11 word you chose or is that in my --  
12 Q. It's in your notes.  
13 A. Okay. As opposed to serious.  
14 MR. DAVIS: Objection.  
15 Q. Yes.  
16 He says, "When we give patients the upper  
17 limit dose, the side effects aren't dangerous,  
18 headache, vomiting"; that's what your notes say.  
19 A. That's what I said?  
20 Q. That's what your notes say he said.  
21 A. Oh, well --  
22 MR. DANIEL: Objection, in part. You may  
23 respond.  
24 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yeah. If he said it,

- 1 that's -- it probably was -- again,
- 2 remembering back to 2000, I don't have a
- 3 memory of anything -- I don't have a memory of
- 4 exactly his words. I'm presuming those were
- 5 his words, which is why they ended up in --
- 6 but it's a presumption.
- 7 Q. Now, this description here on page 17
- 8 doesn't say anything about nausea and headaches and
- 9 vomiting, does it?
- 10 A. It implicitly does when it talks about the
- 11 small therapeutic window.
- 12 Q. That's what Dr. Max said was acceptable?
- 13 A. For these kinds of drugs he said it was
- 14 acceptable.
- 15 Q. Dr. Max said that?
- 16 A. Dr. Max said that.
- 17 Q. Dr. Max is not an employee of Abbott?
- 18 A. No, not that I know of.
- 19 Q. He's the person that you went to for an
- 20 independent --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- opinion?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. All right. Now, over on page 18.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. Strike that. Strike that.

3 All right.

4 (Exhibit No. 19, JH 008153 - 008209,  
5 marked for identification.)

6 Q. Do you recognize this document?

7 A. This looks like one of Abbott's  
8 descriptive memorandum. It says it on the front  
9 cover, yes.

10 Q. Actually, I think they're all in there.

11 A. They're all in there; okay.

12 Yes, I recognize it.

13 Q. I think you testified earlier you got  
14 Abbott's descriptive memorandum before you started  
15 your work or when you just started your work?

16 A. At the beginning, yes.

17 Q. So you had the ability to read these and  
18 ask any questions you wanted that arose out of  
19 them, correct?

20 MR. DAVIS: Objection. I'm going to note,  
21 these ones are dated February '01.

22 MR. WEINBERGER: Well, these are the ones  
23 that were ultimately filed; but for the most  
24 part they're the same.

1 THE WITNESS: Well, I never saw the  
2 February 2000.

3 Q. I don't have anything from your files so I  
4 can't pin down what you did have and what you  
5 didn't have.

6 MR. DAVIS: You're asking him whether he  
7 saw these. And my point is these are dated  
8 from February of '01. There were a variety of  
9 versions of the descriptive memorandum.

10 THE WITNESS: I have never saw these.

11 Q. Well, to the extent that they're the same,  
12 you saw them.

13 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

14 THE WITNESS: To the extent they're the  
15 same, I saw them, but I don't know to what  
16 extent they're the same.

17 Q. We can look at that.

18 But you did get descriptive memoranda that  
19 look like these in format in --

20 A. In the --

21 Q. -- with respect to each of those  
22 compounds?

23 (Interruption by the reporter.)

24 Q. -- that look like these in form for each

1 of the Abbott compounds that you were evaluating  
2 before you started your substantive work.

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I -- I would have  
5 trouble answering that question, too, because  
6 it's been a long time since I looked at them  
7 and I can't remember the form. So I remember  
8 that there were descriptive memoranda. I  
9 remember a few things about them independent  
10 of actually having them. But I can't remember  
11 whether they were this form, how much the same  
12 or how different these are.

13 Q. Let's look at the one that is at  
14 page 008165, and under page 2 of that document  
15 which is 8166 --

16 A. Yeah, uh-huh.

17 Q. -- this states, "A Phase II(b) dose  
18 ranging trial began April 2000 in diabetic  
19 neuropathic pain."

20 A. And what paragraph is this?

21 Q. Third.

22 A. Third?

23 Okay. Uh-huh.

24 Q. You recall knowing that when you were

1 doing your work, don't you?

2 A. I know it was in Phase II. I can't

3 remember offhand whether it was II(a) or II(b) or

4 whether there were two different phases.

5 Q. Were you aware that a go/no go decision

6 for clinical efficacy was expected in June 2001?

7 A. No, I don't remember that. That's not to

8 say I didn't know it; I just don't remember.

9 Q. Right.

10 Over on page 7 of this document, 8171,

11 there's a discussion of phase II(a) studies, under

12 clinical studies.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. Do you see that at the bottom?

15 And it states, "Phase II(a) studies

16 suggest a trend towards analgesic effect at 75 BID,

17 the maximum dose studied in this protocol."

18 Do you see that?

19 A. Yes, I see it.

20 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that

21 the maximum dose used in the Phase II(a) study was

22 75?

23 A. It doesn't refresh my recollection. Part

24 of the problem is I don't know what was included in

1 this later memorandum from the ones that I saw.

2 Q. I understand. But I'm simply asking you

3 if it refreshes your recollection.

4 A. Well, I do remember the 75 micrograms by

5 daily, yes.

6 Q. And then below that talks about, again

7 talks about the Phase II(b) study beginning in

8 April 2000 and ending in 2001. Would this refresh

9 your recollection as to whether you had that

10 information at any point in time in doing your

11 work?

12 A. It doesn't refresh my recollection.

13 Q. You just don't recall one way or --

14 A. I just don't recall one way or --

15 Q. You recall having any information then

16 about the number of patients who were anticipated

17 to be included in the study?

18 A. No, I don't recall that either.

19 Q. Over on the next page, it says, "target

20 profile."

21 The current status of ABT-594's profile --

22 (Interruption by the reporter.)

23 Q. "The current status of ABT-594's profile

24 versus target profile is summarized in the table



1 below."

2 Do you see that?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. And then at the bottom the last attribute,  
5 it says, "low nausea slash vomiting. Probability  
6 low."

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes, I see it.

9 Q. Do you recall having that information  
10 during the period of time in which you --

11 A. No. I don't recall one way or another of  
12 having that information.

13 Q. Do you recall being told by anybody that  
14 the probability of achieving low nausea and  
15 vomiting with this drug was low?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Assuming this information was given to  
18 John Hancock, is it clear to you that John Hancock  
19 knew that the probability of achieving 594 profile  
20 with low nausea and vomiting was low?

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection. I caution you not  
22 to speculate.

23 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I can't speculate.

24 Q. Did Mr. Blewitt ever tell you that he knew

1 the probability of achieving low nausea and

2 vomiting with the 594 was low?

3 A. No.

4 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

5 Q. Did you have an understanding apart from

6 this document that the probability of achieving low

7 nausea slash vomiting from 594 was low?

8 A. No, because I would have -- that would

9 have raised a huge red flag for me.

10 Q. So this was information which if Mr.

11 Blewitt had you'd expect him to tell you about,

12 wouldn't you?

13 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

14 THE WITNESS: I can't speculate.

15 Q. If it turns out this was in the

16 descriptive memorandum that you saw, would you say

17 you just missed it?

18 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

19 THE WITNESS: Again, it would be hard to

20 miss it, but I don't remember this table, so

21 one way or another.

22 Q. Well, let's assume that it was in there,

23 assume for argument's sake that it was in there.

24 A. All right.

1 MR. DAVIS: Is that the question?

2 MR. WEINBERGER: No.

3 MR. DAVIS: Okay.

4 MR. WEINBERGER: That's just the  
5 predicate.

6 Q. Then would you have any explanation for  
7 your not noting that and dealing with that issue  
8 besides just missing it?

9 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

10 THE WITNESS: If it was in there, I would  
11 have no real -- I would have no good  
12 explanation for not dealing with it.

13 MR. WEINBERGER: Okay. Let me see if I  
14 have anything else.

15 Q. Yeah.

16 There's another descriptive memorandum.  
17 All right. Look at the descriptive memorandum on  
18 518 which is -- which begins at JH 008193.

19 A. 8193?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. I want to ask you if we were trying to  
23 figure out what descriptive memoranda you got,  
24 without the benefit of having your files since they

1 were destroyed, what is your best estimate, given  
2 that you appeared to have first talked to Hancock  
3 about consulting in May and you put together a memo  
4 of your preliminary thoughts I think in June, as to  
5 when you got the descriptive memoranda?

6 A. It must have been before my preliminary  
7 thoughts because they were based on -- they were  
8 based on the knowledge of Abbott's drugs, which I  
9 at that point could have only gotten from a  
10 descriptive memorandum.

11 Q. So May or June?

12 A. Yeah, May or June.

13 Q. So if we found the descriptive memorandum,  
14 the most current one that Abbott provided Hancock  
15 in the time of May or June, it was likely that you  
16 saw that?

17 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is likely that I saw  
19 it.

20 Q. Now, if there were changes to the  
21 memoranda that were done before you stopped your  
22 work, which I think was the end of July; is that  
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Would you have seen those as well you

2 believe?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

4 THE WITNESS: I don't recall seeing any

5 other memoranda except the ones I saw in the

6 beginning.

7 Q. Okay. Now, over on the third page of the

8 December -- fifth page of the descriptive

9 memorandum --

10 MR. DAVIS: Which one?

11 Q. For 518. So that's at page 008197.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. Discussion of other companies that are

14 targeting this mechanism.

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. You see that there's one talked about

17 marimastat by British Biotech?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. And that's the one that we've already

20 discussed had some negative results, correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that's what's reported here, correct,

23 that there are negative results in pancreatic?

24 MR. DANIEL: Objection. You may respond.

1 THE WITNESS: Ask your question again. I  
2 was reading.  
3 Q. Those results in part are reported here  
4 that there are negative results in pancreatic,  
5 correct?  
6 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.  
7 THE WITNESS: I can't remember the details  
8 of what the negative results were.  
9 Q. And Abbott also disclosed to you, I think  
10 we discussed this before, that Abbott also  
11 disclosed that these compounds listed up in this  
12 box have joint side effects that would preclude  
13 their long term use.  
14 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.  
15 THE WITNESS: I don't know that Abbott  
16 discussed that with me.  
17 Q. But you knew that, that was in some of the  
18 documents that we looked at before.  
19 A. Yeah, then it must have --  
20 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.  
21 THE WITNESS: Then it must have come from  
22 the memoranda. Yes. I had no direct contact  
23 with Abbott.  
24 Q. But you reported that in the interview

1 notes that you prepared for Abbott and for the

2 experts. Do you recall that?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

4 THE WITNESS: Well, I can go back and look

5 at the interview notes but I, you know, we can

6 just say if it was in there, then apparently I

7 knew it from somewhere.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And would it be likely from the

10 descriptive memoranda.

11 Q. Okay. Now, this memorandum also says,

12 "Abbott's timing to market is not optimal."

13 Now, based on your work on this compound,

14 do you have any understanding as to what was meant

15 by that?

16 Well, let me first ask you, do you agree

17 with that, that Abbott's timing to market was not

18 optimal?

19 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

20 THE WITNESS: I have no way of really

21 responding to that one way or another because

22 I don't know what they mean by "not optimal."

23 Q. Well, over on the next page, 8198, under

24 Marketing Overview, under the heading Side Effects,

1 in the middle, it states, "As the third or fourth  
2 MMPI to market, SE hurdles will be even higher for  
3 this compound"; that's side effect, right?

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. As a critical go/no go decision point, the  
6 joint toxicity of this compound will be evaluated  
7 and expanded Phase I multidose study."

8 A. Again, because my memory doesn't inform me  
9 on this, I somehow think that this might not be in  
10 the original.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Original documents.

13 Q. So you don't have any recollection of  
14 Mr. Blewitt coming back to you and saying, you  
15 know, we got new information from Abbott on the 518  
16 that we'd like you to look at?

17 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

18 THE WITNESS: No. He didn't come back to  
19 me after the end of July.

20 Q. You were available as far as you  
21 understood to evaluate any new information that  
22 Mr. Blewitt got from Abbott --

23 A. Yeah, I was available, yes.

24 Q. -- if he thought it was important to do



1 so, right; you could have done that?

2 A. Well, if he thought it was important to do

3 so, I don't know how to answer that; that would be

4 speculation.

5 Q. No, no, no. I'm not -- I'm just asking

6 you if there's any reason that you would not have

7 been available to evaluate any new additional data

8 he got on any of these compounds that he thought

9 was significant?

10 A. I would have been available, yes.

11 Q. Over on the next page under Competition,

12 the document states, "As the third or fourth MMPI

13 to market" -- now, let me ask you this, just

14 stopping right there -- were you aware in doing

15 your work that at best case the Abbott compound

16 would be the third or fourth MMPI to market?

17 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

18 THE WITNESS: You want me to answer or

19 not?

20 MR. DAVIS: Yeah, you may respond if you

21 know. I caution you not to speculate.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay. The only one I knew

23 for sure was marimastat to my recollection.

24 Q. Well, marimastat, you believe marimastat

1 was coming to market?

2 A. Is the only one I knew that -- the only

3 one I can remember I knew anything about, I'll put

4 it that way.

5 Q. You didn't know it was coming to market;

6 just you remember --

7 A. No.

8 Q. It says, "Strict go/no go criteria will

9 determine if the MMPI can meet these hurdles."

10 Were you aware of that?

11 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

12 THE WITNESS: No, I wasn't. This stuff

13 doesn't look familiar from the point of view

14 it was in the first memo. So --

15 MR. WEINBERGER: Let me just look at my

16 notes.

17 Q. Just so we're clear on this, from the time

18 you had your call with Dr. Leonard until the time

19 you were contacted by Choate, you had absolutely no

20 involvement in this matter, correct?

21 A. I sent, after Dr. Leonard's, I wrote up my

22 notes and sent them. And I can't remember whether

23 Steve had responded to those, you know, saying

24 thank you, I got them. I don't know. But beyond

1 that, I had no contact.

2 MR. WEINBERGER: Okay. And counsel, am I

3 correct that it's your position that all work

4 he did from the time that you contacted him

5 until the present is as an expert consultant,

6 non-testifying consultant?

7 MR. DAVIS: From the time he was retained

8 as a non-testifying expert consultant, that

9 work he has done for us is in that capacity.

10 Q. So you have no knowledge with respect to

11 any issues in this case between the date of your

12 interview with Dr. Leonard and your retention by

13 Choate that you would expect to testify about at

14 the trial of this case; is that correct?

15 A. That's not exactly correct. Gretchen

16 Edson asked me for whatever documents I had and

17 that was sometime before I talked to Brian.

18 MR. DAVIS: I object to the question

19 actually. Please pause.

20 Q. She asked you to produce documents.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. We've already discussed that.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. But other than that?

1 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

2 THE WITNESS: Other than, no.

3 MR. WEINBERGER: I have nothing further.

4 MR. DAVIS: You haven't asked him any  
5 questions about 773. I offer you the  
6 opportunity to do so if you wish.

7 MR. WEINBERGER: 773 is not in this case.  
8 Should the court grant your -- you've got a  
9 motion for leave to amend, which obviously  
10 means it's not in the case, otherwise you  
11 wouldn't need one. And should the court grant  
12 that motion, then we'll need to take  
13 appropriate discovery with respect to 773 as  
14 well as anything else that is the subject of  
15 the amendment. But I'm not going to be taking  
16 depositions about something that is not in  
17 your complaint.

18 MR. DAVIS: Okay. Abbott has taken  
19 discovery about 773 in this case already. And  
20 I offer you now the opportunity to question  
21 him about 773 if you wish to do so. I don't  
22 want to bring him back later so that you can  
23 further question him about 773 when it has  
24 been an issue in this case and you have the

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9 COMPANY, and MANULIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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17 CONTINUED DEPOSITION of LYNN KLOTZ

18 Wednesday, May 16, 2007

19 9:42 a.m.

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22 Boston, Massachusetts

23 Michelle Keegan, Court Reporter

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1 Q. I will warn you I tend to pause midquestion

2 as well. Just be patient. It's not a rush.

3 A. I'll wait for you to do something like this

4 to suggest I answer.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 MR. DAVIS: Eric, I assume all of the

7 same stipulations also are in force?

8 MR. LORENZINI: That's correct.

9 Q. And if at any time you don't understand a

10 question, please ask me and I will rephrase it.

11 Dr. Klotz, as you'll recall at your

12 earlier deposition, you testified generally

13 regarding the investigation you undertook to gather

14 information about the drugs that were going to be

15 included in the research funding agreement. Do you

16 recall that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I wanted to ask you specifically now about a

19 particular compound that was under consideration for

20 inclusion in that agreement; and that is ABT-773.

21 Do you recall conducting research regarding ABT-773?

22 A. Yes, I did. I don't remember -- I remember

23 virtually none of the particulars, but I do recall.

24 Q. Do you recall that ABT-773 was an

1 antibiotic?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And specifically, that it was a ketolide?

4 A. A ketolide, yes.

5 Q. A ketolide?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you recall that ketolides are a

8 derivative of macrolides?

9 A. Yes, I know that. Not from my memory from

10 the 2000 investigation, but just from having

11 recently reread the notes that you have, too.

12 Q. Are you referring to the notes that you

13 prepared during your investigation back in 2000?

14 A. Yes. I sent the hand copy in part of your

15 discovery. Those notes, yes.

16 Q. So you knew at the time of your

17 investigation that ketolides were a derivative of

18 macrolides?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you knew that ketolides shared a similar

21 mechanism of action to macrolides, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In conducting your investigation regarding

24 ABT-773, what documents did you receive from John

1 Hancock regarding that particular compound?

2 A. I was sent what you people call descriptive  
3 memoranda.

4 Q. Did you have another term that you used for  
5 those documents?

6 A. I can't remember. I don't recall using that  
7 term. I might have called them data sheets or  
8 something, but I can't recall.

9 Q. Did you receive any other documents from  
10 Hancock other than the descriptive memoranda?

11 MR. DAVIS: When you talk about  
12 documents, specific to 773?

13 MR. LORENZINI: Correct.

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. You don't recall receiving them?

16 A. I don't recall.

17 Q. Did you receive more than one draft of the  
18 ABT-773 descriptive memoranda?

19 A. I don't think so.

20 Q. Did you receive any documents directly from  
21 Abbott regarding ABT-773?

22 A. No.

23 Q. You didn't receive any documents directly  
24 from Abbott on any of the compounds, correct?



1 A. I'm pretty sure I did not.

2 Q. What documents regarding ketolides or  
3 ABT-773 in particular did you receive from other  
4 sources or gather from other sources?

5 A. I gathered, not so much received, unless you  
6 consider an interview being received, from doing Web  
7 search, PubMed search, and I believe also a Dialogue  
8 Search, which is another database, I downloaded a  
9 number of abstracts on ABT-773.

10 Q. Are there any other sources that you used in  
11 your searches?

12 A. I had one interview, an expert interview.

13 Q. And was that with Dr. Moellering?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You didn't speak with any other experts  
16 regarding ABT-773?

17 A. No. It was pretty straightforward.

18 Q. I just want to go over these sources that  
19 you used to conduct the searches. The first one you  
20 mentioned was Pub Med?

21 A. Pub Med, yeah.

22 Q. Could you spell that out, please.

23 A. P-U-B, then capital M, E-D. It's a national  
24 database of medical and scientific journals.

1 A. Yeah. I haven't looked at exactly what I  
2 pulled up, but there could be scientific data, yeah.

3 Q. Are there any other databases you searched  
4 other than Pub Med and Dialogue Search?

5 A. I don't recall that I did.

6 Q. Did you conduct any more general Internet  
7 searches just using Google or some search engine  
8 like that?

9 A. I'm not sure now.

10 Q. Do you recall what search terms you used  
11 when you were researching ABT-773?

12 A. I certainly used "ABT-773" and pulled up a  
13 lot of papers. I can't say for sure, but I probably  
14 used "ketolide" and things like that. I don't  
15 remember the other search terms.

16 Q. Did you use "macrolide" as a search term?

17 A. I don't remember.

18 Q. In the course of your investigation, did you  
19 speak with anyone at Abbott regarding ABT-773?

20 A. We had a telephone interview, Steve Blewitt  
21 and me and James Leonard. And there were two other  
22 people from Abbott whose names I forget.

23 Q. Possibly Phil Deemer and Steve Cohen?

24 A. Yeah, I guess. I've been told afterwards

1 what the names were, but I've forgotten again.

2 MR. LORENZINI: This will be Klotz

3 Exhibit 20.

4 (Exhibit Number 20

5 marked for identification)

6 Q. Dr. Klotz, you have before you what's been

7 marked as Klotz Exhibit 20. It's titled "ABT-773

8 Descriptive Memorandum." It's dated in the title as

9 May 2000, although in the lower left-hand corner

10 footer there's a June 5, 2000 date.

11 Do you recognize this document?

12 A. I can't say that I specifically recognize

13 the document because it's been so many years.

14 Q. Is it generally the same format as the

15 descriptive memoranda that you were referring to

16 earlier that you received from Hancock?

17 A. I understand that I reviewed descriptive

18 memoranda for all the things in the package. I

19 can't speak to its exact form because I just don't

20 remember.

21 Q. Do you recall receiving any other version of

22 the descriptive memorandum for 773 other than

23 Exhibit 20?

24 A. No. I think only one version.

1 Q. You don't have any reason to believe that  
2 this isn't the version you reviewed?

3 A. No, I have no reason to believe that this  
4 isn't the version. This is likely the version.

5 Q. If you'll turn to page 4 of the descriptive  
6 memorandum. And if you'd look at the table towards  
7 the bottom, you'll see it has a listing of adverse  
8 events in a particular phase 2 clinical trial of  
9 ABT-773.

10 A. Uh-hmm.

11 Q. One of the adverse events listed is elevated  
12 liver function test.

13 A. Uh-hmm.

14 Q. And you'll see under the 100 milligram dose  
15 group it indicates 1 percent of the patients had  
16 elevated liver function test results and also 1  
17 percent of the patients in the 200 milligram dose  
18 group?

19 A. Uh-hmm.

20 Q. Do you recall receiving that information  
21 from Hancock in the descriptive memorandum for  
22 ABT-773?

23 A. At this time I don't recall.

24 Q. Do you recall learning generally from your

1 independent research that there had been elevated  
2 liver function test adverse events in one phase 2  
3 study of ABT-773?  
4 A. Again, it's not recall, but it's more  
5 reconstructing from having read the notes recently  
6 because I knew I was going to be deposed. From that  
7 I don't remember seeing in the literature searches  
8 that I did anything about elevated liver function  
9 tests.

10 Q. But if it was in the descriptive memorandum,  
11 then you learned that information directly?

12 A. Yes, it's there.

13 MR. DAVIS: Hold on. Pause before you  
14 answer. Object -- Objection. You may respond.

15 A. It's there. I presume that I saw it.

16 Q. And it didn't raise any concerns for you?

17 A. Apparently not.

18 MR. LORENZINI: This one actually  
19 doesn't need to be marked. It was previously marked  
20 as Klotz Exhibit 7.

21 Q. Before we move on to Exhibit 7, I just want  
22 to ask you going back to the liver function test why  
23 did that not raise any concerns for you, the 1  
24 percent elevated liver function test in the phase 2

1 study?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection. I think he's  
3 already testified he didn't recall reviewing this  
4 information at that point in time. So I caution you  
5 not to speculate. But if you do recall, answer his  
6 question.

7 A. No, I don't recall. I could speculate, but  
8 he's cautioned me not to speculate, so I will not  
9 speculate.

10 Q. Referring back to what's been previously  
11 marked as Klotz Exhibit 7, I believe you testified  
12 last time that these were notes that you compiled  
13 and sent to Stephen Blewitt after your review of the  
14 descriptive memorandum for the various compounds.

15 A. Yes, I've seen them recently. I know  
16 they're my notes.

17 Q. Could you turn to page JH 002087. You'll  
18 see there's a heading there for ABT-773.

19 A. Uh-hmm.

20 Q. Does that section contain your initial  
21 comments and questions regarding ABT-773 based on  
22 your review of the ABT-773 descriptive memorandum?

23 A. I should read it first?

24 Q. Sure.

1 (Pause)

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So after your review of the ABT-773  
4 descriptive memorandum, you didn't have any other  
5 initial comments or questions regarding ABT-773?

6 A. I may have had others. I just chose to  
7 write some. I probably just chose to write some  
8 down.

9 Q. Were these the ones that you considered most  
10 significant to raise with Mr. Blewitt?

11 A. I can't say. I don't remember.

12 Q. Do you remember any other questions or  
13 comments or concerns you had after reading the  
14 descriptive memorandum on ABT-773?

15 A. No, I don't remember.

16 Q. You refer in your notes here to possibly  
17 consulting an expert like Stewart Levy.

18 A. Yeah, Levy. Yes.

19 Q. Who is Stewart Levy?

20 A. He's an infectious disease expert at Tufts  
21 University. I had, although I can't give you the  
22 details any more, some previous contact with him off  
23 and on.

24 Q. Had you ever discussed ketolides with him?

1 Q. And did you contact Andy Onderdonk in  
2 connection with your investigation of the Abbott  
3 compounds?

4 A. No, because I found other experts from the  
5 literature, so I didn't need his information.

6 Q. You have some other questions in your notes  
7 here regarding ABT-773. Did you get answers to  
8 those questions in the course of your investigation?

9 A. Without rereading every question, I think we  
10 took all what I thought were the relevant questions  
11 to Robert Moellering. And I had a very good  
12 interview with him.

13 Q. And you felt satisfied after your  
14 conversation with Dr. Moellering that your questions  
15 had been answered?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. LORENZINI: That will be Exhibit 21.

18 (Exhibit Number 21

19 marked for identification)

20 Q. Dr. Moellering, you have before you what's  
21 been marked as Klotz Exhibit 21. Its's a document  
22 Bates-stamped JH 002212 through 2226. It appears to  
23 be a series of articles or abstracts.

24 A. Abstracts.



1 MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry. Did you refer to

2 him as Dr. Moellering? That's okay.

3 MR. LORENZINI: Sorry about that. It

4 hasn't happened yet.

5 Q. I apologize. Dr. Klotz.

6 A. I don't talk to myself.

7 Q. Dr. Klotz, are these abstracts that you

8 located in your search of the databases regarding

9 ABT-773?

10 A. Yeah. Looking at the first few, they're Pub

11 Med searches.

12 Q. So these are just the results of your Pub

13 Med search?

14 A. Well, I haven't looked at the ones in the

15 back. Let me take a look.

16 MR. DAVIS: Take a moment.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes. Okay.

18 (Pause)

19 A. I see news wire releases and things like

20 that in the back. I'm presuming they come from

21 Dialogue, although I can't swear to it. I might

22 have picked them up from something else that I don't

23 remember.

24 Q. If you look generally through this document

1 that's marked as Exhibit 21, you'll see that there's  
2 some text that's in bold font.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Is that bold font that you added?

5 A. That is bold font that I added.

6 Q. And does that indicate the passages of the  
7 abstracts that you thought were particularly  
8 significant?

9 A. As I scanned through the documents, yes,  
10 that was my first take on what I might want to go  
11 back to and might be significant.

12 Q. And there's also some text that's in  
13 italics. Is that text that you added providing  
14 comments on the abstract?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And in your review of this literature, did  
17 it appear to you that ketolides were a promising  
18 class of antibiotics?

19 A. Yes, they looked quite promising.

20 Q. And in particular, did it appear that  
21 ABT-773 was promising?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. On the second page of Exhibit 21 there's an  
24 abstract at the top regarding a compound named HMR

1 3647. And this is a drug that was under development  
2 by -- I'm not sure if I'm going to pronounce this  
3 right, but Hoechst, Marion Roussel?  
4 A. Hoechst, yeah, which I think they go by the  
5 name Aventis. That's easier to pronounce.  
6 Q. Do you recall later learning that this  
7 compound HMR 3647 later acquired the name Ketek?  
8 A. Yes, I recall that from reading my notes.  
9 Yes.  
10 Q. And that was after Hoechst became Aventis  
11 that the name of the compound changed to Ketek?  
12 A. I don't know when the compound name changed.  
13 Q. Okay. In your commentary there in italics  
14 you say, "Abbott doesn't list this," "this" meaning  
15 HMR 3647, "in its key emerging competitors even  
16 though this is a November 1999 article."  
17 Do you recall clarifying later that  
18 Abbott actually had listed that compound?  
19 A. Under the name Ketek?  
20 Q. Correct.  
21 A. Well, as you can see, as at that point I'm  
22 still trying to figure out exactly what compound  
23 that was. And I do know from reading my later notes  
24 that that was Ketek, yes.

1 Q. So Abbott hadn't hidden the existence of  
2 that competitor compound?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

4 A. No.

5 Q. And --

6 A. As far as I know.

7 Q. If you look back at the descriptive  
8 memorandum that was marked as Exhibit 20 -- Go  
9 ahead.

10 (Pause)

11 Q. If you look at the last -- final page,  
12 please. You'll see in the descriptive memorandum  
13 there that Ketek is listed?

14 A. Yes. At this point I was trying to get my  
15 bearings on these things.

16 Q. I understand. If you look at the bottom of  
17 page 2216 of Exhibit 21, there is an abstract there  
18 specifically regarding ABT-773. And you've bolded  
19 the last line of that abstract which says, "ABT-773,  
20 therefore, shows promising in vitro activity against  
21 macrolide-susceptible as well as -resistant  
22 pneumococci."

23 A. I should be able to pronounce that right off  
24 the top of my head, but you have me there. Yeah,

1 pneumococci.

2 Q. So this was a promising study for you that  
3 indicated ABT-773 was a promising compound?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you noted there in italics, "Confirms  
6 Abbott's statements." Is that a reference to the  
7 fact that this abstract confirmed the statements  
8 Abbott had made in the descriptive memorandum?

9 MR. DAVIS: If you recall.

10 A. Yeah, I presume so. But again, from looking  
11 back at the descriptive memorandum now, I'd say yes.  
12 It's so long ago. It's hard to say exactly what I  
13 was referring back to then.

14 Q. But those are your italicized comments?

15 A. Yes, they certainly are.

16 Q. At the top of Exhibit 21 you've included a  
17 comment that looks like there's three stars and then  
18 it says, "For Steve to read."

19 A. At the top, yeah.

20 Q. And some of the abstracts if you look  
21 through have three stars to the left of the title.  
22 Was that an indication of particular abstracts that  
23 you intended to send to Steve Blewitt?

24 A. Well, first, I sent them all because that's

1 where you got them from, in discovery. I can't  
2 remember exactly whether those three stars  
3 correspond to this. I would presume so.

4 MR. DAVIS: Don't speculate. If you  
5 know.

6 A. Okay. I don't know.

7 Q. But you did send this entire set of  
8 abstracts to Steve Blewitt?

9 A. Yes, yes.

10 (Exhibit Number 22

11 marked for identification)

12 Q. Dr. Klotz, you have before you what's been  
13 marked as Exhibit 22. It is an e-mail from you to  
14 Stephen Blewitt dated July 4, 2000 with an  
15 attachment titled "Abbott's ketolide antibiotic."

16 Is this an e-mail that you sent to  
17 Stephen Blewitt with a summary of the results of  
18 your literature search?

19 A. I don't know the date on the rest of this,  
20 but if it's the same date, then yes.

21 Q. And is this a selection of the abstracts or  
22 portions of abstracts that you thought were most  
23 relevant for Stephen Blewitt to review?

24 A. I call them example articles. Beyond that,

1 I don't think I should speculate.

2 Q. Do you recall that you concluded based on  
3 your literature search that ABT-773 might be the  
4 most promising of Abbott's drugs in the -- that were  
5 being considered for the research funding agreement?

6 A. Again, I recall from my rereading the  
7 discovery notes a few days ago, the answer is yes.

8 Q. And you wrote that in your e-mail to  
9 Mr. Blewitt here?

10 A. Yes, yes, yes.

11 Q. You also note in your e-mail that, "ABT-773  
12 may even achieve the greater than \$1 billion market  
13 share they project since Aventis publicly projects  
14 \$1 billion for its ketolide Ketek just on the  
15 market." And you also note that, "Abbott's is not  
16 far behind, and they have superior properties"?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Was that, in fact, your conclusion based on  
19 the review of the literature, publicly available  
20 literature?

21 A. Yes.

22 (Exhibit Number 23  
23 marked for identification)

24 Q. Dr. Klotz, you have before you what's been

1 THE WITNESS: You want me to respond?

2 MR. DAVIS: Yes, if you can.

3 A. Because everything I supplied to Hancock

4 were in the discovery notes as written materials.

5 Q. What do you mean by "in the discovery

6 notes"?

7 A. We've been calling it the big black book.

8 It's the materials which he has and you have which

9 have these labels on the bottom.

10 Q. And you'll note this document, Exhibit 24,

11 does have that Bates label. It's just for some

12 reason the first page it doesn't appear on the

13 bottom, but it does have a JH 000767 stamp.

14 A. But that doesn't mean I supplied it. I'm

15 just pointing out, the things in the discovery notes

16 that I see, my stuff has the JH labels. So I

17 haven't seen this article.

18 Q. Did you conduct any searches during your

19 investigation of the Medscape.com Website?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 (Exhibit Number 25

22 marked for identification)

23 Q. Dr. Klotz, the court reporter has marked as

24 Exhibit 25 a document that begins with Bates number



1 JH 000655. It's titled "Abbott's Ketolide  
2 Antibiotic (ABT-773)," and it includes some  
3 handwritten notes. Do you recognize this document?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is it?

6 A. What is it?

7 MR. DAVIS: If you know.

8 A. I can read what it is. It is a list of  
9 people we might interview. It's some of the  
10 questions as they were being developed at that point  
11 that we might ask them.

12 Q. And are these your handwritten notes?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know whose notes they are?

15 A. No.

16 Q. If you look at the upper right-hand corner  
17 of the exhibit, one of the handwritten notes says,  
18 "Toxicity," question mark, and it's crossed out.  
19 Did you ever have any conversations with Stephen  
20 Blewitt regarding any toxicity issues related to  
21 ABT-773?

22 A. I don't recall.

23 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with  
24 Dr. Moellering regarding whether there were any

1 toxicity issues associated with ABT-773 or with  
2 ketolides in general?

3 A. My complete interview with Moellering is in  
4 your documents. I would have to review it.

5 Q. If you had discussed that issue with  
6 Dr. Moellering, it would have been in those notes?

7 A. It would be in those notes, yes.

8 (Exhibit Number 26  
9 marked for identification)

10 Q. Dr. Klotz, the court reporter has marked as  
11 Exhibit 26 a document that has been produced by John  
12 Hancock in this case entitled "Pertinent Information  
13 On Interview Candidates." Is this document, Exhibit  
14 26, something that you compiled?

15 A. Let me just look through really quickly.

16 (Pause)

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And is this information you prepared in  
19 preparation for interviews with experts regarding  
20 the compounds?

21 A. It's information along the way to conducting  
22 interviews.

23 Q. If you'd turn to page JH 002195.

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. You'll see there's a heading there "ABT-773  
2 Ketolide Antibiotic for Resistant Bacteria."

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Next to that heading there's a parenthetical  
5 that says, "This is technically straightforward.  
6 Only one interview." Is that your comment?

7 A. That's my comment, yes.

8 Q. And why did you believe that ABT-773 was  
9 technically straightforward?

10 A. This is going to take more than a short  
11 answer.

12 MR. DAVIS: Go ahead.

13 A. In the first place, clinical trials for  
14 antibiotics are straightforward compared to clinical  
15 trials for other things. If it's a lung infection,  
16 you just take a sputum sample and see if the  
17 bacteria is gone. The patient gets better. That's  
18 a fairly straightforward clinical trial endpoint.

19 At the time I did this work this had  
20 already gone through phase 2 with both Abbott and  
21 external literature saying it looks very promising.

22 So we felt the only thing we had to do  
23 was just make sure that some expert, somebody who  
24 knows the field out there, either confirms or denies

1 what we knew at that point or what we thought we  
2 knew at that point.

3 Q. And you list on this page of Exhibit 26 two  
4 primary -- two groups of primary interview  
5 candidates and then an alternate. You mentioned  
6 before that Stewart Levy didn't have time.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. The next group of primary interview  
9 candidates listed here are someone named T. Schulin,  
10 C.B. Wennersten, R.C. Moellering, Junior and G.M.  
11 Eliopoulos.

12 A. Your guess is as good as mine.

13 Q. On the pronunciation, you mean?

14 A. Right. On the pronunciation, yes.

15 Q. But those are the individuals listed there?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you ended up interviewing  
18 Dr. Moellering. How did you choose Dr. Moellering  
19 from among the four individuals who are listed here  
20 on this page of Exhibit 26 as authors of --

21 A. Specifically, I don't recall.

22 Q. Did you try to contact any of the other  
23 individuals listed here other than Dr. Moellering  
24 and Dr. Levy?

1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. Do you know if it was less than a half hour?

3 A. I would have to speculate.

4 MR. DAVIS: Don't. If you know. Don't  
5 speculate.

6 Q. Don't speculate.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. The introductory statement here on this  
9 exhibit also states, "John Hancock is willing to  
10 give you an honorarium of \$150 for your help."

11 A. Uh-hmm.

12 Q. Did you offer an honorarium to all the  
13 experts that you contacted?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And did Dr. Moellering accept your offer of  
16 an honorarium?

17 A. I can't say whether he explicitly did or  
18 not, but I did send honorarium checks to everyone.

19 Q. So you sent a \$150 check to Dr. Moellering  
20 for his time?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you just have one phone call with  
23 Dr. Moellering?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And was it a scheduled call or was it just  
2 impromptu, you called him up and started talking  
3 about the substance?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 (Exhibit Number 27  
6 marked for identification)

7 (Pause)

8 Q. Dr. Klotz, the court reporter has marked as  
9 Exhibit 27 an e-mail dated July 21, 2000 from you to  
10 Stephen Blewitt with an attachment entitled "Robert  
11 Moellering interview on" --

12 A. That's pronounced "colchicine," but it's  
13 wrong. It's a pasting error.

14 Q. Just for the record, I'll finish.  
15 The title is "Robert Moellering  
16 interview on colchicine-site binding agents."  
17 You're clarifying that's a mistake.

18 Is this, in fact, your notes of an  
19 interview with Robert Moellering regarding  
20 ketolides?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And in fact, if you look at the upper  
23 left-hand corner of the attachment to Exhibit 27, it  
24 does indicate there correctly "File:ketolides-

1 Moellering"?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So Exhibit 27 is your e-mail to Stephen

4 Blewitt attaching your notes of your interview with

5 Dr. Moellering regarding ketolides?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And if you look down at the heading

8 "Interview," the subheading on the first page of the

9 attachment, it says, "The interview summary below is

10 typed from handwritten notes and memory shortly

11 after the interview, and is therefore subject to

12 error in details normal to this process."

13 Do you recall how soon after your

14 interview with Dr. Moellering you typed up your

15 notes?

16 A. Specifically, I don't recall.

17 Q. But soon after?

18 A. I would have to speculate, but "soon" is a

19 fair characterization, I guess.

20 Q. Well, you say here in the summary "shortly."

21 You use the term "shortly." You'd agree it was

22 shortly thereafter?

23 A. (No verbal response)

24 Q. Is that --

1 A. Yeah. You might want to define "shortly" a  
2 little more clearly, but I try to do it as fast as I  
3 can.

4 Q. And your typewritten summary here was based  
5 on handwritten notes that you took during the course  
6 of the telephone conversation?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You state in your summary here that it's  
9 "subject to error in details normal to this  
10 process." Have you reviewed this summary recently,  
11 Dr. Moellering, in preparation for your deposition?

12 MR. DAVIS: Dr. Klotz.

13 MR. LORENZINI: I'm sorry.

14 A. You've promoted me.

15 Yes, I reviewed it. I reviewed this a  
16 few days ago, yeah.

17 Q. And did you see -- Did you notice any errors  
18 in your summary?

19 A. I did not notice any.

20 Q. Turn to page 2 of the summary, please. The  
21 second to last paragraph states, "Abbott's ketolide  
22 has more promise than Aventis'. I'm talking  
23 relative here. Ketolides have pluses and minuses  
24 because they are modified macrolide antibiotics."



1 Do you recall that Dr. Moellering told  
2 you that Abbott's ketolide has more promise than  
3 Aventis's ketolide, Ketek?

4 A. I don't recall it today, but I see that I  
5 wrote it here.

6 Q. So Dr. Moellering did inform you of that  
7 based on your notes here?

8 A. I presume so, yes, since I don't recall.

9 Q. Do these notes capture all of the -- all  
10 aspects of your discussion with Dr. Moellering?

11 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

12 A. As far as I remember, yes.

13 Q. You don't recall discussing any other topics  
14 with him?

15 A. No, I don't recall. And I read the notes...

16 Q. And they appear accurate?

17 A. They appear accurate given that I don't have  
18 a direct recollection of the original interview.

19 Q. And just to be clear, in these notes the  
20 italicized text indicates your questions to  
21 Dr. Moellering?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And the nonitalicized text represents  
24 Dr. Moellering's comments?

1 A. My write-up of his comments, yes.

2 Q. Do you recall asking Dr. Moellering at the  
3 end of your conversation if there was any important  
4 issue that you hadn't discussed or important  
5 question that you hadn't asked?

6 A. I don't recall directly, but I often end an  
7 interview with that.

8 Q. And if you'll turn to the third page of the  
9 attachment, you'll see that in italics it states,  
10 "Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or  
11 important question I haven't asked?" And then it  
12 has as the answer, "No. I think we've pretty much  
13 covered it."

14 Does that refresh your recollection that  
15 you followed your standard procedure and asked  
16 Dr. Moellering that question during your -- at the  
17 conclusion of your interview with him?

18 A. Again, my recollection of exactly what  
19 happened in 2000 is almost nothing. But this is  
20 consistent with the kind of thing I would ask. And  
21 I presume I got the answer correct.

22 Q. The answer as represented here?

23 A. As represented here, yes.

24 Q. So at the end of your conversation

1 Dr. Moellering didn't have any further issues that  
2 he thought were important?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

4 A. I presume that's what he meant.

5 Q. Do you recall that Dr. Moellering believed  
6 that it was possible for Aventis's ketolide to reach  
7 \$1 billion in sales?

8 A. I'd have to reread what he said in here. If  
9 you'd give me a few minutes.

10 Q. Sure. I think you'll want to direct your  
11 attention -- Feel free to look at the entire  
12 document, but you'll probably want to direct your  
13 attention to the second page of the attachment,  
14 about three quarters of the way down.

15 A. Second page is which number, 995 --

16 Q. 2996.

17 A. 2996. Okay.

18 (Pause)

19 A. Yes, I see that.

20 What was the question again?

21 Q. Do you recall that Dr. Moellering told you  
22 that he believed it was possible under certain  
23 circumstances for Aventis's Ketek to reach \$1  
24 billion in sales?

1 MR. DAVIS: He's asking you your  
2 recollection as opposed to what's written in the  
3 document.

4 A. I have no recollection.

5 Q. But you believe what's written in the  
6 document in response to your question on that  
7 subject is accurate?

8 A. Yes. There were some ifs in there. Some  
9 things had to happen for that to happen, such a  
10 large dollar amount.

11 Q. Understood. Did Dr. Moellering say that  
12 those -- Did he assign any probability to those  
13 contingencies?

14 A. I would say no, because if he had I  
15 certainly would have put it in the notes because it  
16 would have been useful quantitative information.

17 Q. Your notes here on this same page, 2996, in  
18 italics state, "(Abbott's phase 2 data indicate a 92  
19 percent effectiveness (overall eradication) against  
20 H. influenzae. How does this compare with  
21 erythromycin?)"

22 A. Uh-hmm.

23 Q. Did you do anything to follow up on that  
24 question?

1 A. I don't recall.

2 Q. Do you recall if you asked Abbott that  
3 question?

4 A. I don't recall. We'd have to get into that  
5 interview.

6 Q. If you had asked Abbott, it would be  
7 reflected in your notes of your interview with John  
8 Leonard?

9 A. I presume. Again, it's memory from seven  
10 years ago.

11 Q. Right. In your interview with  
12 Dr. Moellering you didn't discuss any heart issues  
13 associated with antibiotics?

14 A. No.

15 Q. You didn't discuss any QTc prolongation  
16 issues?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And did you discuss any liver toxicity  
19 issues?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You were aware that there had been QTc  
22 prolongation issues associated with some Quinn lines  
23 at this time, were you not?

24 A. I don't think I was aware of that. I don't

1 recall being aware of that.

2 Q. You don't recall that that was widely known?

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. Do you recall that there were QTc issues

6 associated with some macrolides?

7 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

8 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to answer?

9 MR. DAVIS: If you know.

10 A. It's I don't recall again.

11 (Exhibit Number 28

12 marked for identification)

13 Q. Dr. Klotz, the court reporter has marked as

14 Exhibit 28 an article entitled "The Changing Face of

15 Antihistamines and Cardiac Adverse Drug Reactions:

16 A Clinical Perspective." This is not a document

17 produced by Hancock.

18 I'd like to direct your attention to the

19 first page. There's a heading entitled "Early

20 pointers."

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And I'm just going to read for the record,

23 and you can read along, the first couple sentences

24 there.

1 It states, "An early pointer to such  
2 unexpected side effects in fact came from  
3 antibiotics.  
4 "A wide array of this class of drugs is  
5 being used in our country for the treatment of an  
6 equally wide variety of infections, but the lion's  
7 share goes to ambulatory therapy for community  
8 acquired respiratory tract infections where  
9 macrolides have deservedly made their mark all over  
10 the world.

11 "The prototype macrolide, erythromycin,  
12 which has been in use for nearly half a century,  
13 came under fresh scrutiny when certain cardiac side  
14 effects, such as delayed ventricular repolarization  
15 characterized by prolonged QTc interval, a  
16 precondition for the development of fatal  
17 ventricular tachycardias, were reported. The  
18 incidence increased on coadministration with other  
19 drugs with a similar propensity."

20 There's a footnote 2 there. If you'll  
21 turn to the last page of the document, you'll see  
22 that footnote 2 refers to a 1994 article.

23 A. Uh-hmm.

24 Q. Does this refresh your recollection that as

1 early as 1994 it was known that certain macrolides,  
2 including erythromycin, were associated with QTc  
3 prolongation?

4 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You haven't  
5 pointed out this document is from a publication in  
6 the country of India, number 1, if I read this  
7 correctly. If you know.

8 A. No, I don't know. I mean, I have no  
9 knowledge of this document or the other one, the  
10 1994 one.

11 Q. You don't recall that in 1994 or sometime  
12 prior to 2000 that erythromycin was reported to have  
13 some QTc prolongation issues associated with it?

14 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

15 A. I don't recall.

16 Q. Dr. Klotz, do you receive a publication  
17 called MedWatch from the FDA?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Are you familiar with the publication?

20 A. I've heard of it.

21 Q. Is it a publication widely subscribed to by  
22 doctors?

23 A. I don't --

24 MR. DAVIS: Objection.



1 A. -- know.

2 (Exhibit Number 29

3 marked for identification)

4 Q. Dr. Klotz, you have before you what's been

5 marked as Exhibit 29. It's a MedWatch publication

6 titled "Summary of Safety-Related Drug Labeling

7 Changes Approved by FDA." It's dated June 2000.

8 And if you'd turn to page 6 of the

9 document.

10 A. Uh-hmm.

11 Q. You'll see that there is a change to the

12 drug labeling of the drug clarithromycin.

13 A. Uh-hmm.

14 Q. Are you familiar with clarithromycin?

15 A. No.

16 Q. You don't know -- Strike that.

17 Are you familiar with the term "Biaxin"?

18 A. No.

19 Q. So you didn't -- You are not aware that

20 clarithromycin, also known as Biaxin, is a macrolide

21 antibiotic?

22 A. No, unless I read it somewhere in my recent

23 notes and forgot it.

24 Q. Are you familiar with any -- the names of

1 any macrolides?

2 A. Well, erythromycin is a macrolide. I'm  
3 obviously familiar with that. It's a common  
4 antibiotic.

5 MR. LORENZINI: We'll mark Exhibit 30.

6 (Exhibit Number 30

7 marked for identification)

8 Q. Dr. Klotz, you have before you what's been  
9 marked as Exhibit 30. It's an article from the  
10 European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology. It  
11 states that the date is received October 4, 1999;  
12 accepted in revised form, 13th of January 2000.

13 Apparently it was published in 2000.

14 The title of this article is "QT  
15 Interval Prolongation By Noncardiac Drugs: Lessons  
16 To Be Learned From Recent Experience."

17 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

18 There's a question?

19 Q. Are you familiar with the publication  
20 European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology?

21 A. No.

22 Q. If you'd look on page 2 of the article,  
23 under the heading "Classes of drugs and mechanisms  
24 underlying QT prolongation," you'll see the first

1 sentence states, "Through a MedLine search for  
2 literature published from 1985 through 1998 using  
3 the MESH terms," quote, "'long-QT syndrome -  
4 chemically induced', we retrieved 391 records."

5 And then if you look at the last  
6 sentence of that paragraph, it states, "Apart from  
7 antiarrhythmics, the largest numbers of cases within  
8 single classes refer to antipsychotics, histamine,  
9 H1 receptor antagonists and macrolides."

10 And then if you'll turn to page 3, you  
11 see that there's a chart representing results of a  
12 search for articles regarding QTc prolongation, and  
13 towards the bottom of that chart you'll see an  
14 indication that there were 32 articles regarding QTc  
15 prolongation associated with macrolides.

16 A. I see it, yes.

17 Q. Does that refresh your recollection that it  
18 was publicly known that there were QTc issues  
19 associated with some macrolides --

20 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

21 Q. -- as of 2000?

22 MR. DAVIS: Objection. If you know.

23 A. I was unaware of QT problems with Abbott's  
24 773 and other macrolides and ketolides. I'm just

1   unaware.

2       Q. Ketolides is not a macrolide, you

3   understand? It's a derivative?

4       A. I understand.

5       Q. And these articles don't discuss ABT-773,

6   just to be clear?

7       A. Yes, I understand.

8       Q. But you weren't -- You weren't aware of the

9   public -- articles in the public domain regarding

10   QTc prolongations associated with some macrolides?

11           MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

12       A. I was unaware of any QT problems associated

13   with Abbott 773 and other ketolides or macrolides,

14   so I never did a lit search for QT as a Pub Med

15   search term, a MedLine search term.

16           Basically, MedLine and PubMed are the

17   same thing.

18       Q. Presumably Dr. Moellering would have been

19   familiar with QTc prolongation issues associated

20   with certain macrolide, correct?

21           MR. DAVIS: Objection. Calls for

22   speculation. You can respond.

23       A. I don't know is the only answer I can give.

24       Q. He is an expert on macrolides and other

1 antibiotics, correct?

2 A. Yes, he is.

3 Q. If anyone would know, one would think he

4 would know?

5 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

6 A. I don't know. I can't speak for him. And

7 it is speculation.

8 Before we do this can I just take a

9 bathroom break? I want to talk to Brian a little

10 bit, too.

11 Q. That's fine. We don't have too much more.

12 (Recess taken)

13 Q. Dr. Klotz, I've handed you what was

14 previously marked as Klotz Exhibit 15. It's an

15 e-mail dated July 28th, 2000 from you to Stephen

16 Blewitt with attached document entitled, "Telephone

17 interview with Abbot conducted by L. Klotz,

18 consultant, and S. Blewitt."

19 I believe you testified last time that

20 this e-mail attached your notes of your interview

21 with John Leonard at Abbott?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And if you'd turn to the second page, you'll

24 see there's a heading ABT-773.

1 development, yeah.

2 Q. You were more involved in business issues

3 than --

4 A. In business issues, yeah.

5 Q. You mentioned before the only macrolide

6 antibiotic that you are aware of is erythromycin?

7 That's the only one that you can think of?

8 A. I suppose if I looked at a big list I might

9 be able to pick a few more out, but erythromycin is

10 the obvious one, yeah.

11 Q. You don't have the expertise to determine

12 what levels of adverse events in clinical or --

13 clinical tests regarding antibiotics are significant

14 enough to raise development concerns, do you?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

16 A. If I didn't feel I had the expertise and I

17 needed this kind of quantitative information, I'd go

18 get it.

19 Q. But you don't have it personally?

20 A. No, I don't have it off the top of my head.

21 No.

22 Q. You understand that with any compound under

23 development there's always uncertainties regarding

24 safety issues, efficacy issues, commercial

1 prospects?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

4 A. Yes. I certainly understand that.

5 Q. And it's not unusual for a drug in

6 development to, for example, show some adverse

7 events during the testing phase, various types of

8 adverse events?

9 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

10 A. Yeah, it happens. I mean, not unusual -- I

11 don't know exactly how I want to calibrate it, but

12 yes, it does happen. There are adverse events.

13 Q. And that's not necessarily a barrier to

14 regulatory approval of the drug, correct?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

16 A. Yeah, it's not a barrier. It depends in

17 part on what the drug is being used for. For

18 example, cancer drugs you can get away with some

19 pretty nasty stuff because you have a very nasty

20 disease.

21 Q. So you really have to look at the specifics

22 of exactly what the adverse event data is and what

23 the compound is and what the indication is?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Any knowledge at all?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

3 A. I know what it means. It has something to  
4 do with prolonged heartbeats and things like that.  
5 Beyond that, I have no expertise.

6 Q. That's the extent of your knowledge,  
7 basically?

8 A. That's the extent of my knowledge.

9 Q. Do you have any expertise in liver toxicity?

10 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond  
11 of the.

12 A. I probably know a little bit more about  
13 liver toxicity or had in the past, not that I'd be  
14 able to produce the language right here. I'm aware  
15 of liver toxicity with -- almost all drugs have some  
16 degree of liver toxicity.

17 Q. It's not uncommon?

18 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

19 A. It exists. "Not uncommon" is maybe a  
20 characterization that I'm not prepared to go -- to  
21 say. That's all.

22 Q. But even for drugs on the market --

23 A. Yeah.

24 MR. DAVIS: Let him finish the question,



1 information. That's what consultants like I do all  
2 the time is if there's something I'm aware of but  
3 don't have expertise on or a high degree of  
4 knowledge on, I go out and get the knowledge.

5 Q. Your literature searches on ABT-773 showed  
6 that ABT-773 had great promise in activity against  
7 bacteria that were resistant to other antibiotics,  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So that confirmed what Abbott was telling  
11 you, did it not, regarding the ability of ABT-773 to  
12 obtain a resistance claim, correct?

13 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

14 A. Yes, it confirmed -- The literature search  
15 confirmed what Abbott had said.

16 Q. And your literature search didn't reveal any  
17 concerns regarding side effects associated with  
18 ketolide, did they?

19 A. No. I didn't specifically look for side  
20 effects.

21 Q. But you did generally look for information  
22 regarding ketolides, correct?

23 A. Yes. More specifically, Abbott 773.

24 Q. But also, I think, as we saw in Exhibit 21,

1 would have found those articles if you -- other than  
2 if you -- other than using "ketolide" as a search  
3 term?

4 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

5 A. This is all speculation at this point.

6 MR. DAVIS: Don't speculate. If you  
7 know, you can respond.

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. I'm just asking based on your knowledge of  
10 these databases, how they operate, how the searches  
11 were --

12 MR. DAVIS: Same objection.

13 A. Yeah, same objection. I make one sort of  
14 general comment, if you type in one key word you  
15 might pull up a few hundred references.

16 I think in this case -- Again, this is  
17 speculation. It's the way I work.

18 MR. DAVIS: Don't speculate. He's  
19 entitled to what you know. If you don't know, you  
20 don't know.

21 THE WITNESS: This is the way I do  
22 databases. A general question I can answer, not a  
23 specific.

24 Q. Let me ask you generally, is Exhibit 21 the

1 entire set of abstracts that you located when you

2 did your search of the databases?

3 A. I can't recall.

4 Q. There might have been others?

5 A. There might have been others, yes.

6 Q. But you don't recall learning anything in

7 your abstract search regarding any concerns

8 regarding heart or liver issues with ketolides,

9 correct?

10 A. I don't recall seeing that, no.

11 Q. And Dr. Moellering didn't inform you that

12 there were any heart or liver issues with ketolides,

13 correct?

14 A. I don't recall directly, but from looking at

15 my interview notes, then he did not inform me.

16 Q. If Abbott was targeting as of the time you

17 did your research -- if its goal was to achieve once

18 a day dosing, you would understand that there would

19 be some uncertainty, that that's a goal, not a

20 certain outcome?

21 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

22 A. I understand now. I don't recall what I was

23 thinking back then.

24 Q. Do you recall -- Were you thinking at all

1 about dosing issues back then?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

3 A. I don't recall.

4 Q. So you don't recall thinking one way or the  
5 other about the dosing for ABT-773, whether it be  
6 once a day or twice a day?

7 A. In general, I understand issues about  
8 dosing. I don't recall having -- I just don't  
9 recall to what extent I may or may not have  
10 considered those back then.

11 Q. And Steve Blewitt didn't ask you to look  
12 into the dosing issues on ABT-773?

13 A. I don't recall that he did.

14 Q. And the -- We saw in one of the exhibits,  
15 the descriptive memorandum, that there was a phase 2  
16 test that showed 1 percent elevated liver function  
17 test results?

18 A. Yes, I remember that from just reading it  
19 now.

20 Q. That didn't cause you any concern?

21 A. 1 percent doesn't seem like a lot for me.

22 Q. It's not unusual for there to be some  
23 percentage of patients with elevated liver function  
24 test results?

1 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

2 A. I don't want to speculate about not unusual

3 or usual about a certain level.

4 Q. But that disclosure didn't cause you any

5 concern?

6 A. Again, looking at it now and since I did

7 follow it up, I presume it did not cause any concern

8 back then.

9 Q. You mentioned in response to Mr. Davis's

10 questions you would have been concerned if Abbott

11 had known that there were likely to be delays of

12 ABT-773 in the launch. You know that there's always

13 uncertainty when a drug is being developed about the

14 launch date, correct?

15 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You may respond.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That can always be set back?

18 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And so if Abbott was projecting a launch

21 date consistent with what had been disclosed to you,

22 even if there was some uncertainty on that, as there

23 always is, that wouldn't cause you concern if Abbott

24 had, in fact, been projecting the same launch date

1 that was disclosed to you?

2 MR. DAVIS: Objection. You can respond.

3 A. I think if the launch date were postponed I  
4 would want to ask the question why. There might be  
5 a perfectly natural reason for doing it, but it  
6 might bring up some concern that would need further  
7 investigation.

8 Q. Were you told the launch date for ABT-773?

9 A. No. I was -- Well, I don't know if I was  
10 told, but given the way it was moving through  
11 clinical trials, I have knowledge of how long things  
12 usually take. These are fairly straightforward  
13 clinical trials. I could put my own estimate on it.

14 Q. Right. In Exhibit 20, if you look at that,  
15 there is mention of a launch date. Are you aware  
16 that Abbott subsequently provided Hancock with an  
17 updated version of this descriptive memorandum with  
18 an updated launch date?

19 A. At the time of my project and afterwards,  
20 no. I'm aware now.

21 Q. And after Hancock received that updated  
22 descriptive memorandum with a new launch date, they  
23 didn't forward that information to you?

24 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

1 A. After I supplied the report on the

2 interview, my work was done with Hancock.

3 Q. So the answer is no?

4 A. The answer is no. Yes.

5 Q. And were you aware that Hancock subsequent

6 to your work on the project received an annual

7 research plan from Abbott that disclosed that dosing

8 would be 150 milligrams BID or QD depending on the

9 severity of the indication?

10 A. No, I wasn't aware. I did not receive any

11 information.

12 Q. And they didn't ask you to do any sort of

13 reanalysis based on that new information?

14 MR. DAVIS: Objection.

15 A. No.

16 MR. LORENZINI: I have no further

17 questions.

18 MR. DAVIS: No further questions.

19 (Whereupon the deposition

20 was concluded at 11:58 a.m.)

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1**

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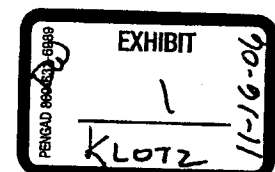
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We agree that we will not, and will direct our officers, employees and affiliates not to, disclose to any person the fact that the Confidential Information has been made available to us or to Hancock or that discussions or negotiations are taking place between Hancock and the Company concerning the Transaction or any terms, conditions or other facts with respect to the Transaction, including the status thereof.

We will promptly return to Hancock, upon its request or at the conclusion of the Consulting Services, all Confidential Information.

If we become legally compelled to disclose any of the Confidential Information, we agree to provide Hancock with prompt notice so that Hancock or the Company may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy. If such protective order or other remedy is not obtained, we agree to furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which is legally required and we will cooperate with Hancock or the Company, as the case may be, to obtain a protective order or other assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the same.

We acknowledge and agree that none of Hancock, the Company, its affiliates or any of their respective directors, officers, stockholders, employees, representatives or agents is making any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of the Confidential Information, and none of such parties will have any liability to us or any other person resulting from the use of the Confidential Information by us or any of our employees, officers or affiliates.

We agree that any breach of this agreement may cause Hancock or the Company irreparable harm. We understand and agree that money damages would not be a sufficient remedy for any breach of this agreement by us or our employees, officers or affiliates and that Hancock and the Company shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach or threatened breach. Such remedy shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedy for a breach of this agreement by us or our employees, officers or affiliates, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity to Hancock or the Company. We agree to indemnify and hold Hancock harmless in the event we breach our agreements contained in this agreement.

We agree that unless and until we execute an agreement for the Consulting Services with Hancock or the Company, as the case may be, neither Hancock nor the Company shall be under any legal obligation of any kind to us with respect to the Consulting Services by virtue of this agreement except for the matters expressly agreed to herein.

This agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to the conflicts of law principles thereunder.

Very truly yours,  
Lynn C. Klotz

By:

Name: Lynn C. Klotz  
Title: Consultant

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## **D'S EXHIBIT 546**

my cv and thoughts about strategy

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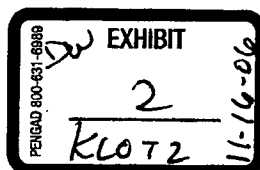
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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2000 10:06 AM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** my cv and thoughts about strategy

Attached is my cv, in case you haven't seen it before.

Also, your idea about financing baskets of drugs, and that combined with options to convert to stock targeted to companies of sufficient size and in need of mezzanine or post-mezzanine financing seems like the base of a good strategy to me. We should discuss why or why not some active strategy like this one can be pursued.

-- Lynn



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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Selected Professional Experience:**

- Member of four-person team consulting with the President and Senior Administration of Mississippi State University to provide a strategic plan for their Life Sciences Institute, June 1999-March 2000.
- Professor and Course Director, Harvard University Summer Executive Program, for the course "Biotechnology and Modern Drug Discovery and Development," July 1997, 1998
- Special Consultant in Technical Strategy to Codon, Inc. and Oncor, Inc., 1992 - 1998
- Chair, Subgroup on Industry Concerns, Federation of American Scientists Working Group on Biological Weapons Verification
- Member, Founding Team and Scientific Advisory Board, Codon, Inc. 1994 - 1998.
- Member, "BWC Industry Working Group," Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1998.
- Member, "Biotechnology Research and Industry Working Group", Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1991 - 1993.
- Special Consultant to Tufts University in Biotechnology, 1992 - 1993.
- Managing Partner, Devonshire Biotechnology Group, 1990 - 1992.
- Member Board of Directors, BioTechnica International, Inc., 1981 - 1989.
- Vice President New Business Development, BioTechnica International, Inc., 1986 - 1987.
- Vice Chairman Board of Directors, BioTechnica Diagnostics, 1985 - 1987.
- Vice President Scientific Planning, BioTechnica International, Inc., 1983 - 1986.
- Vice President Scientific Operations, BioTechnica International, Inc., 1981 - 1983.
- Lecturer at the Rank of Associate Professor, Biochemical Sciences, Princeton University, 1979 - 1981.
- Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Harvard University, 1975 - 1979.
- Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Harvard University, 1971 - 1975.

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Examples of Recent Biotechnology-related Activities

- Developed strategic plan and devised program area for the life-sciences effort for a major land-grant university;
- Evaluated for a major investment bank a company's technology, competitors technology, intellectual property and regulatory aspects of products;
- Determined the likely status in the year 2005 of drug discovery and development in a major therapeutic area for a major investment bank;
- Invented, wrote a patent application, carried out a market assessment, and devised a business strategy for a number of agricultural and industrial applications for an array of *in vivo* directed gene mutation methods;
- Carried out a complete analysis of a company's and competitors' intellectual property position;
- Wrote business plans for first and second-stage financing;
- Carried out a formal screening process to decide which of many clinical applications should be pursued for a family of novel small-molecule drugs;
- Conducted a pharmacoeconomic analysis of genetic risk testing; and
- Identified a science/business opportunity from a university's basic research in infectious disease and wrote a strategic plan to exploit the opportunity.
- Helped assemble scientific advisory boards for a startup;
- Wrote first drafts of several patents, some of which were my own inventions;
- Wrote grants that have been awarded; and
- Carried out a mathematical pharmacokinetic analysis of a large-molecule drug-delivery method to justify its development.

Recent Biotechnology-related Presentations:

Speaker "Pharmacoeconomic Consequences of Genetic Risk Assessment for Hereditary Breast Cancer," at conference: New Approaches in Diagnosing and Treating Breast Cancer, sponsored by Cambridge Healthtech Institute, Philadelphia PA, November 1994.

Speaker "Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacoeconomics in Drug Development," at Conference: Pharmacokinetic Analysis sponsored by Cambridge Healthtech Institute, Washington DC, October 1994.

Panel member and speaker, "The Biotechnology Industry" at conference: Technology and Employment, sponsored by MIT, Cambridge MA, January 1994.

Chairperson, organizer, and Keynote Speaker, "Biostrategies" Conference, Presented by the Wang Institute of Boston University. Tyngsboro, Ma., November 1990.

Recent Biological-Weapons-Treaty-Related-Presentations:

Speaker and panel-discussion moderator for a U.S. Congressional Briefing "The Shape of a Compliance Regime for the Biological Weapons Convention," Washington DC, February 1999.

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Speaker "Challenge Investigation Voting Procedures for a BWC Compliance Regime: The Effect of Abstentions," at Conference: Association of Politics and the Life Sciences, Boston MA, September 1998.

Speaker "Meeting U.S. Industry Concerns within a Strong BTWC Compliance Regime," at Conference: A Strengthened Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, Vienna Austria, 1998.

Speaker "Evasion Scenarios and Countermeasures," at Workshop: The Utility of Sampling and Analysis for Compliance Monitoring of the Biological Weapons Convention, Washington DC, October, 1996.

Speaker "FAS and US Industry Recent Discussions," at FORUM: Triggers for Declarations and Inspections/Visits in a BWC Compliance Regime and Incorporation of Export Controls in the Regime, Palais des Nations, Geneva Switzerland, July 1996

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Education:

University of California, San Diego. 1966-1971. Ph.D. in Chemistry.  
Advisor: Professor Bruno Zimm

Princeton University. 1962-1965. B.A. in Mathematics.

Trenton Junior College Evening Division. 1958-1962.

Outstanding Honors:

Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Teacher-Scholar Grant, 1975. Single Harvard University nominee. At the time, this grant was awarded each year to only six individuals in the U.S.

Research Publications:

Published over 40 research papers and review articles in leading scientific and business journals and awarded two U.S. patents. Ten publications or issued papers on Biological Weapons Control.

Books Published:

Edward J. Sylvester and Lynn C. Klotz, "The Gene Age: Genetic Engineering and the Next Industrial Revolution." Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

First Edition: 1983, Nominated for Pulitzer Prize by the publisher. Second Edition: 1987.

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Dr. Jay George, Assistant Director, Program Technology Development, National Cancer Institute. Bldg. 31, Room 11A03, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2590, Bethesda, MD. 20892-2590. Tel: 301-435-3877. Dr. George was formerly Vice President of Research for Oncor, Inc. and Codon, Inc.

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 3**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 517**

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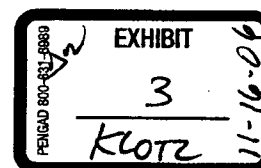
To: Stephen Blewitt  
Dana Donovan

Fax: 617-572-1628  
Tel: 617-572-9624

Date: August 29, 1998

Included in this fax is the modified proposal, a consulting contract, and for your information, the product development tool from the Harvard course. You will supply the confidentiality agreement.

Jay and I look forward to working with you and carrying out the project.



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### CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This is an agreement, effective as of September 8, 1998, between Lynn C. Klotz and Jay George, individuals residing at 71 Winslow Avenue, Somerville MA 02144 and 12208 McDonald Chapel Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, respectively ("the Consultants") and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, A Delaware Corporation ("Hancock").

#### Background

Under the terms set forth below, Hancock desires to retain the services of the Consultants to carry out consulting services as set forth in Exhibit A ("services"), and the Consultants are willing to render such services.

#### Terms

1. The Consultants agree that for a period of twenty-five days commencing with the effective date of this Agreement, they will, consistent with their other obligations, render to Hancock the services. All such services shall be rendered by the Consultants or by personnel selected by the Consultants who are under confidentiality to the Consultants. The Consultants agree to make all reasonable efforts to carry out the services.
2. Hancock agrees to pay the Consultants for the services a total of \$15,390, which shall be payable within two weeks from the date of delivery of the report.
3. The Consultants shall act as independent contractors and not as agents of Hancock and the Consultants shall make no representation as agents of Hancock. The Consultants shall have no authority to bind Hancock or incur other obligations on behalf of Hancock.
4. In the event Hancock discloses information to the Consultants that it considers to be secret or proprietary ("Proprietary Information"), the Consultants agree to maintain the Proprietary Information in confidence and to treat the Proprietary Information with at least the same degree of care and safeguards that they take with their own proprietary information. Proprietary Information shall be used by the Consultants only in connection with services rendered under this Agreement.

Proprietary Information shall not be deemed to include information that:

- (a) is in or becomes in the public domain without violation of this Agreement by the Consultants; or
- (b) is already in the possession of Consultants, as evidenced by written documents, prior to the disclosure thereof by Hancock; or
- © is rightfully received from a third entity having no obligation to Hancock and without

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violation of this Agreement by the Consultants.

5. The Consultants warrant that they are under no obligation to any other entity that in any way is in conflict with this Agreement and that they are free to enter into this Agreement.

6. This Agreement may be terminated by Hancock at any time before completion of the services ("early termination"). Notification of termination shall be delivered by certified letter or by a fax to the Consultants. In the event that Hancock terminates this Agreement, the Consultants will be reimbursed by Hancock at the rate of \$175 per hour for services already rendered under this Agreement. Reimbursement for expenses for assistants and out-of-pocket expenses will also be reimbursed by Hancock.

7. The secrecy provisions of Section 4 hereof will survive any termination of this Agreement for a period of three years after such termination.

8. This Agreement is not assignable by either party without the consent of the other.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance

Company

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Future Role of Apoptosis and Other Major Technologies  
In Cancer Drug Discovery and Development**

**Project scope and goals**

The goal of the project is to assess the role and promise of apoptosis and other major science and technology platforms in the discovery and development of drugs and therapies for the treatment and cure of cancer. The assessment will look five years into the future. The science and technologies ("cancer strategies") to be assessed would include:

- Apoptosis (e.g., capsase and kinase inhibitors, receptor binding, etc.);
- Monoclonal antibodies (e.g., cell-targeted anticancer drug delivery);
- Cell-cycle (e.g., telomere targeted drugs);
- Vaccines;
- Oncogenes and tumor suppressors (e.g., p53);
- Cell-surface receptors and signal transduction;
- Angiogenesis;
- Metastasis;
- Gene-targeting (e.g., antisense, gene therapy);
- Combination therapies (e.g., traditional anticancer drugs combined with biotechnology-derived drugs, such as drugs designed to prevent multiple drug resistance); and
- Other science areas as identified during the course of the project.

Each of the above cancer strategies will be assessed and compared to apoptosis cancer strategies from two view points:

- The promise of the science and technology behind the strategies; and
- The prospects for the strategies in a drug development context.

While, all the above cancer strategies will be considered in the assessment, the focus will be on the cancer strategies that show the most promise..

**Project outline, tasks and costs**

In the following, principal consultants are billed at \$175 per hour. Research assistants are billed at \$40 per hour. Payment would be due after the first conference call, which will occur within two weeks after the delivery of the final report.

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1. Literature and database searches to assess the state and promise of the various cancer strategies, their scope with regard to cancer treatment and cure, and required developments needed to make the science a competitive cancer strategy. *Principal consultants: 4 person-days. Research assistants: 3 person-days. Out-of-pocket expenses (database searches, journal xeroxing, etc.): \$600. Total cost: \$7,160.*
2. One-hour interviews with three leading academic cancer researchers to learn their views to combine with our analysis. A questionnaire will be prepared in advance and used to help guide the interview. The interviews will not be taped, but will be written up immediately from notes after the interview. Bulleted summaries of the interviews will be prepared. It is expected that the interviews will likely lead to some additional searches and reading. *Principal consultants: 2.5 person-days. Research assistants: 1 person-day. Honorarium to researchers for hour-long interviews: 3 x \$250 = \$750. Total cost: \$4,570.*
3. Prepare a three- to five-page report summarizing the assessment. As a supplement to the report, a bulleted summary of the interviews and xeroxes of key publications with important points highlighted will be provided. *Principal consultants: 2 person-days. Research assistants: 0.5 person-days. Total cost: \$2,960.*
4. Deliver by E-mail and/or fax, a copy of the report and the supplement to the report. Two one- hour conference calls to discuss the report. *Principal consultants: 0.5 person-day. Total cost: \$700.*

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,390

TIME TO COMPLETION: twenty-five days

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 4**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 518**

**Lynn C. Klotz, Ph.D.**  
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**Somerville, MA 02144**  
**Tel: 617-623-6375**  
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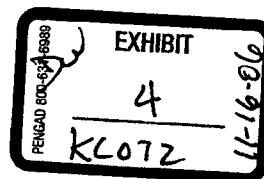
**To: Stephen Blewitt**  
**Dana Donovan**

**Fax: 617-572-1628**  
**Tel: 617-572-9624**

**Date: September 9, 1998**

I have modified the consulting agreement to incorporate your changes and to provide us with a clean copy. I have signed the agreement, and I am forwarding a copy to Jay for him to sign and fax back to you.

Since we have a signed agreement from you, we are off and running on the project.



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### CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This is an agreement, effective as of September 8, 1998, between Lynn C. Klotz and Jay George, individuals residing at 71 Winslow Avenue, Somerville MA 02144 and 12208 McDonald Chapel Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, respectively ("the Consultants") and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, A Massachusetts Corporation ("Hancock").

#### Background

Under the terms set forth below, Hancock desires to retain the services of the Consultants to carry out consulting services as set forth in Exhibit A ("services"), and the Consultants are willing to render such services.

#### Terms

1. The Consultants agree that for a period of twenty-five days commencing with the effective date of this Agreement, they will, consistent with their other obligations, render to Hancock the services. All such services shall be rendered by the Consultants or by personnel selected by the Consultants who are bound by confidentiality agreement with Hancock substantially similar to Confidentiality Agreement between consultants and Hancock dated September 2, 1998 (the "Confidentiality Agreement"). The Consultants agree to make all reasonable efforts to carry out the services.
2. Hancock agrees to pay the Consultants for the services a total of \$15,390\*, which shall be payable within two weeks from the date of delivery of the report ("Report").

\*Or, in the event of early termination of the project, the amount which represents Consultants incurred-to-date time and services.
3. The Consultants shall act as independent contractors and not as agents of Hancock and the Consultants shall make no representation as agents of Hancock. The Consultants shall have no authority to bind Hancock or incur other obligations on behalf of Hancock.
4. In the event Hancock discloses information to the Consultants that it considers to be secret or proprietary ("Proprietary Information"), the Consultants agree to maintain the Proprietary Information together with the Report in confidence in accordance with the Confidentiality Agreement and to treat the Proprietary Information with at least the same degree of care and safeguards that they take with their own proprietary information. Proprietary Information shall be used by the Consultants only in connection with services rendered under this Agreement.

Proprietary Information shall not be deemed to include information that:

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- (a) is in or becomes in the public domain without violation of this Agreement by the

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Consultants; or

(b) is already in the possession of Consultants, as evidenced by written documents, prior to the disclosure thereof by Hancock; or

© is rightfully received from a third entity having no obligation to Hancock and without violation of this Agreement by the Consultants.

5. The Consultants warrant that they are under no obligation to any other entity that in any way is in conflict with this Agreement and that they are free to enter into this Agreement.

6. This Agreement may be terminated by Hancock at any time before completion of the services ("early termination"). Notification of termination shall be delivered by certified letter or by a fax to the Consultants. In the event that Hancock terminates this Agreement, the Consultants will be reimbursed by Hancock at the rate of \$175 per hour for services already rendered under this Agreement. Reimbursement for expenses for assistants and out-of-pocket expenses will also be reimbursed by Hancock.

7. The Confidentiality Agreement will survive any termination of this Agreement for a period of three years after such termination.

8. This Agreement is not assignable by either party without the consent of the other.

Company

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn C. Klotz

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Jay George

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Future Role of Apoptosis and Other Major Technologies  
In Cancer Drug Discovery and Development**

**Project scope and goals**

The goal of the project is to assess the role and promise of apoptosis and other major science and technology platforms in the discovery and development of drugs and therapies for the treatment and cure of cancer. The assessment will look five years into the future. The science and technologies ("cancer strategies") to be assessed would include:

- Apoptosis (e.g., capsase and kinase inhibitors, receptor binding, etc.);
- Monoclonal antibodies (e.g., cell-targeted anticancer drug delivery);
- Cell-cycle (e.g., telomere targeted drugs);
- Vaccines;
- Oncogenes and tumor suppressors (e.g., p53);
- Cell-surface receptors and signal transduction;
- Angiogenesis;
- Metastasis;
- Gene-targeting (e.g., antisense, gene therapy);
- Combination therapies (e.g., traditional anticancer drugs combined with biotechnology-derived drugs, such as drugs designed to prevent multiple drug resistance); and
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TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,390

TIME TO COMPLETION: twenty-five days

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 6**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 802**

**JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

Bond & Corporate Finance Group

March 24, 1999

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**Purchase Recommendation**

**JH Pension \$5.0 million**

**Summary**

**Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

La Jolla, CA

We are recommending the purchase of 1,428,572 shares of Series F Convertible Preferred Stock of Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Idun" or the "Company") for \$5 million. The Preferred Stock will be convertible into approximately 3.7% of the fully diluted common stock of the Company. Proceeds from the Preferred Stock, together with \$5 million of additional Preferred Stock, will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, including funding continued research and development, technology in-licensing, clinical trials, and related capital expenditures.

Founded in 1993, Idun is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the design and development of small molecule therapeutics targeting the biochemical pathways that control apoptosis, or programmed cell death. Inappropriate regulation of apoptosis contributes to a wide array of diseases including neurodegenerative diseases such as ALS and Parkinson's, cancer, and stroke. Idun has previously received \$7 million in venture capital financing and has received over \$35 million in capital from Novartis and Abbott, its corporate partners in the field of central nervous system drugs and cancer drugs, respectively.

In addition to the development projects that Idun is pursuing with its corporate partners, the Company is also developing proprietary compounds that regulate apoptosis in diseases such as liver failure, inflammation, and cardiovascular disease. Idun believes that it is approximately one year away from entering Phase I clinical trials with a compound for acute alcoholic hepatitis. The Company intends to develop compounds for clinical trials for other diseases in subsequent years.

Our recommendation is based upon the strength of Idun's management and scientific team, the broad spectrum of diseases that Idun's research applies to, and the potential for substantial equity returns.

**Report Authors:**

Anthony C. Urlick, Second Vice President

Stephen J. Blewitt, Senior Investment Officer

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**JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**Bond & Corporate Finance Group**  
**March 24, 1999**

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**Purchase Recommendation**  
**JH Pension \$5.0 million**

**ISSUER:**

**Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

**ISSUE:**

**1,428,572 shares of Series F Convertible Preferred Stock**

**RATINGS:**

**JH: CCC**

**BROKER:**

**Direct**

**CONVERSION PRICE:**

**\$3.50 per share.**

**CONVERSION:**

*The Preferred Stock may be converted at any time, at the Investor's option, into shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The Preferred Stock will be convertible on a share for share basis into Common Stock, subject to adjustment pursuant to anti-dilution provisions. The Preferred Stock shall be automatically converted into Common Stock (i) in the event that a majority of the holders of the outstanding Preferred Stock consent to such conversion, or (ii) upon the closing of a firmly underwritten public offering with a public offering price of not less than [\$3.50] per share and [\$7,500,000] in aggregate proceeds.*

**DIVIDENDS:**

The holders of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive non-cumulative dividends prior to any payment of any cash dividend, at a rate of \$.175 per share, or, if greater, an amount equal to that paid on any other outstanding shares of the Company's capital stock.

**LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE:**

*In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive the greater of (i) \$3.50 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, or (ii) the amount the Investor would be entitled to receive if the Investor had converted such shares of the Preferred Stock into Common Stock immediately prior to the effectiveness of the event giving rise to such payment, out of the assets of the Company.*

**MANDATORY REDEMPTION:**

*Redemption is mandatory upon the occurrence of a liquidity event (e.g., merger, redemption of other Preferred Stock or sale of assets). In the absence of a liquidity event, redemption will begin on the fifth anniversary of investment with eight quarterly installments, including accrued and unpaid dividends, if any.*

**SIC CODE:**

**8000 - Health Services**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**John Hancock \$5.0 million**  
**Other Investors: \$5.0 million**

**HANCOCK PARTICIPANTS:**

**Listed above**

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**USE OF PROCEEDS:** The net proceeds from the convertible preferred stock will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, including funding continued research and development, technology in-licensing, clinical trials, and related capital expenditures.

**STATE OF INC.:** Delaware

**CIRCLE DATE:** February 26, 1999

**TAKEDOWN DATE:** Upon completion of documentation

**CALL:** Non-callable

**HANCOCK HOLDINGS:** None

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** None

**FINANCIAL COVENANTS:** None

**ANTI-DILUTION**

**PROVISIONS:** *The Conversion Price of the Preferred Stock will be subject to proportional adjustment for stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalizations and the like.*

**REGISTRATION**

**RIGHTS:** *Customary for transactions of this type*

**ANALYST:** Stephen J. Blewitt, Senior Investment Officer  
D. Dana Donovan, Senior Investment Officer

**HOUSE COUNSEL:** Amy Weed, Esq.

**SPECIAL COUNSEL:** Choate, Hall & Stewart

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Stephen J. Blewitt, Senior Investment Officer  
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**IDUN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Idun" or the "Company") is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the design and development of small molecule therapeutics targeting the biochemical pathways that control apoptosis, or programmed cell death. Inappropriate regulation of cell death, or apoptosis, contributes to a wide array of diseases including neurodegenerative diseases (ALS, Parkinson's), cancer, and ischemic disorders (stroke). Idun's patented core technologies focus on the pathways that regulate cell death. The Company is developing small molecule drugs that specifically control the function of key proteins involved in the process of cell death: the caspase protease family of cell death effectors and the cell death modulators of the Bcl-2 family.

**Apoptosis.** Throughout the course of normal development and aging, certain cells and cell types are programmed to die in a controlled manner, a process known as apoptosis. This process is essential for the correct formation of the organs and complex systems of the body and is different than *necrosis* which occurs when a cell is severely injured and internal organelles swell and rupture. Cells that die by apoptosis shrink and are rapidly eaten by neighboring cells before there is any leakage of their contents. In the adult, dysfunction of the mechanisms that control apoptosis can lead to a variety of diseases. Excessive apoptosis results in the unwanted loss of healthy cells resulting in degenerative diseases. Insufficient apoptosis can lead to the uncontrolled cell accumulation most dramatically evident in cancer.

**Bcl-2.** Bcl-2 is a family of genes that can inhibit apoptosis or enhance apoptosis. Elevated Bcl-2 levels may occur in as many as 50% of all cancers, including 20-40% of prostate, 60-80% of breast, 50-70% of colorectal and 20-40% of certain lung cancers

**Caspases.** Caspases are a family of proteases (enzymes that cleave proteins essential to cellular functioning) responsible for carrying out the cell death process. In a living cell, these proteases are kept inactive by Bcl-2 proteins on the mitochondrial cell surface. When a cell is exposed to cell death signals such as ischemia, chemotherapy or radiation, Bcl-2 function is blocked and caspase activators initiate the cell death cascade.

**Caspase Activators.** Caspases are converted from their inactive form to active proteases with the help of caspase activator proteins. One such caspase activator is Apaf-1.

Idun is pursuing drug discovery programs in three areas: degenerative diseases of the central nervous system ("CNS"), cancer, and organ damage outside the CNS. With its CNS partner, Novartis, Idun is pursuing caspase protease inhibitors for the treatment of acute stroke, Parkinson's Disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis ("ALS"). With its cancer partner, Abbott, Idun is pursuing small molecule antagonists of anti-apoptotic proteins, including those of the Bcl-2 family. Idun also has an unpartnered program focused on the development of caspase protease inhibitors for treating acute organ damage.

Idun was founded in 1993 and has received \$7 million of venture capital financing from Accel Partners, Venrock Associates, Arch Development Corp. (University of Chicago), Avalon Ventures and Delphi BioVentures. The Company has also received \$33 million of Preferred Stock investments from Novartis and Abbott, and \$20 million of research and development payments from Novartis.

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**NOVARTIS AGREEMENT**

In 1995, Idun established a major research and development collaboration with Novartis, Ltd. Under this four-year agreement, the companies formed an exclusive collaboration to develop drugs to control apoptosis in Central Nervous System ("CNS") diseases. As part of the agreement, Novartis purchased \$6 million of preferred stock in Idun (at \$2/share), provided Idun with a \$12 million credit facility that can be converted into equity prior to August 2006, and funds \$6 million per year in research and development expenses. Future compensation to Idun will include milestone payments and royalties on any products that are approved and marketed by Novartis.

Currently, Idun and Novartis have discovered several series of caspase inhibitors that inhibit nerve cell apoptosis and are being optimized for potency and bioavailability. Idun believes the first therapeutic application of its caspase protease inhibitors in the CNS will be in acute administration following a stroke. Experiments on animal models of stroke suggest that as much as 50% of the resulting cell death is apoptotic. Recent studies have demonstrated that caspases become activated in ischemic neurons and that caspase inhibitors can decrease the damage resulting from cerebral ischemia. Novartis plans to start clinical trials in 1999 with one of Idun's caspase inhibitors.

Future therapeutic applications from the Idun/Novartis collaboration may include Parkinson's disease, ALS, and Alzheimer disease.

**ABBOTT AGREEMENTS**

In December 1998, Idun established an exclusive collaboration with Abbott Laboratories to discover and develop small molecule cancer therapeutics that target the apoptosis pathway. These targets include the anti-apoptosis Bcl-2 family of proteins and the pro-apoptotic caspase activator, Apaf-1. In this collaboration, Idun is primarily responsible for developing molecular assays against targets in the core of the apoptosis pathway. These assays will be used by Abbott for high-throughput screening of compound libraries and compound analysis. Abbott will ultimately be responsible for the clinical development and marketing of any drugs that come out of this collaboration. In addition to Abbott's support of research and early development activities (\$15 million over three years), Abbott purchased \$15 million of preferred stock of Idun at \$3.50/share. Future compensation to Idun will include milestone payments and royalties on any products that are approved and marketed by Abbott.

Cancer can be considered a consequence of failure of abnormal cells to undergo apoptosis. Normal cells are dependent both on the presence of survival signals and on the absence of signals generated by sensors that monitor cellular damage. However, cancer cells survive without their tissue-specific survival signals and in the presence of cellular abnormalities that normally would lead to the induction of apoptosis. Cancer cells often accomplish this by up regulation of anti-apoptotic proteins like Bcl-2 or Bcl-x, thereby raising the "apoptotic threshold." Abnormal Bcl-2 expression is found in as many as 80% of breast, small cell lung, and prostate cancers and in a significant percentage of other cancers such as non Hodgkin's lymphoma and colorectal cancer.

**IDUN'S PROPRIETARY HEPATIC DISEASE PROGRAM**

Cells within the liver can undergo apoptosis due to viral infection, ischemia/reperfusion and hepatotoxic agents. Apoptosis has been observed in biopsies from patients with acute alcoholic hepatitis as well as in animal models of the disease. Alcoholic liver disease is a major health problem in the US, affecting approximately 2 million people. Acute alcoholic hepatitis presents in about 85,000 patients a year in the United States. Effective therapy is not available and current therapy is only supportive, with a significant mortality rate (10-40%). Idun believes that caspase inhibitors that prevent hepatic apoptosis triggered by a variety of stimuli may be useful in treating acute liver failure and liver failure in the setting of chronic liver disease. The Company has chosen alcoholic hepatitis as its first lead clinical indication and has demonstrated in animal models that administration of caspase inhibitors can inhibit the induction of ALT activity detected in the blood. ALT (alanine aminotransferase) is a liver enzyme, high blood levels of which are indicative of liver damage. Significantly improved survival (decrease in mortality) of treated animals has also been demonstrated following administration of Idun's caspase inhibitors.

Based on performance in the relevant preclinical efficacy models, one of Idun's proprietary small molecule caspase inhibitors has been selected as a lead compound, which is currently undergoing formulation, stability studies, toxicology testing, and GMP manufacturing. Idun expects to file an Investigational New Drug (IND) application in early 2000 and start a Phase I clinical trial in humans in acute alcoholic hepatitis shortly thereafter.

#### Strengths

- **Management and Scientific Team.** Abbott Laboratories and John Hancock's independent science consultants (Allan B. Haberman, Ph.D. and Lynn Klotz, Ph.D.) have each indicated that Idun's Scientific Advisory Board ("SAB") are worldwide leaders in the field of apoptosis research and are networked better than any other research group in their field. For example, two of the Company's Board members, Drs. Horvitz and Korsmeyer, recently received General Motors Cancer Research Foundation awards recognizing their individual achievements in cancer research. Dr. Horvitz's award relates to his identification of a set of genes that comprise the programmed cell death pathway, demonstrating that apoptosis is an active biological process that is genetically determined. Dr. Korsmeyer's award relates to the discovery of a gene (Bcl-2) that suppresses apoptosis.

- **Strong Patent Portfolio.** The strength of the Company's Scientific Advisory Board has enabled the Company to establish a strong portfolio of proprietary technology encompassing 34 patent families including 37 issued patents related to the cell death process. Idun has exclusive license to the patented sequence of the human proto-oncogene bcl-2, as well as related genes including bax, bcl-x, bad and mcl-1. The Company controls patent applications covering key cell death proteases including caspases 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13. Idun has licensing agreements covering intellectual property from Dartmouth, Thomas Jefferson University, The Burnham Institute, MIT, the University of Michigan, Washington University and Arch Development Corporation.

- **Reasonable Valuation/Potential for Strong Returns.** Post-closing, Idun's equity value will be approximately \$133 million (based on 38 million shares at \$3.50/share). The Company's technology value (equity value minus cash) will be approximately \$93 million. Based on our analysis of public company valuations and valuations of private companies at pre-IPO financing, \$3.50/share appears to be a reasonable price for Idun. The technology value of companies that have recently received private equity and are similar to Idun (cancer related or signal transduction related), such as Mitotix, Signal, Ilex, Onyx and Sugan, were approximately \$70 - \$90 million before the recent sector-wide increase in values. Valuations for similar public companies, such as OSI, Isis, Imclone, Entremed, Sugan, Ilex, and Cell Pathways, are approximately \$200 - 300 million. This range of public company valuations reflect particular corporate collaborations and the development stage of products.

We believe that Idun's collaborations with Novartis and Abbott and the strong probability that it will have several compounds in clinical trials in the next few years will likely provide an IPO value of at least \$300 million - which will result in an IRR of approximately 30% over three years.

- **Apoptosis is Broad Platform.** Many serious diseases result from the improper regulation of apoptosis resulting in either too much or too little apoptosis. Idun has a number of research and development programs at various stages, ranging from early discovery to IND filing planned for 1999. As described more fully above, these programs involve a wide variety of diseases, including cancer, CNS, liver disease, cardiovascular disease and inflammation.

Apoptosis has been observed in biopsies from patients with acute alcoholic hepatitis as well as in animal models of the disease. Recent biochemical, morphological and pharmacological observations indicate that

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apoptosis accounts for a significant portion of the cell death that occurs following cerebral injury or ischemia (decreased blood flow). Bcl-2 expression has been shown to be upregulated in clinical models of follicular lymphomas, prostate cancer, breast cancer and other cancers. *In vitro* studies in numerous cancer cell lines have demonstrated that overexpression of Bcl-2 leads to multi-drug resistance. Studies in animal models of myocardial infarction (heart attack) suggest that apoptosis may contribute substantially to cell death. Studies have shown that inactivation of caspase 1 decreases production of certain cytokines and is protective in animal models of arthritis and septic shock.

John Hancock commissioned two consultants to review the field of anti-cancer therapies and project the importance of various cancer therapies in five years. Dr. Allan Haberman, a principal of the Biopharmaceutical Consortium, has indicated that apoptosis is one of the two most significant areas of research in the treatment of all cancers (the other being angiogenesis) while research into cancer vaccines and anti-metastatic therapies are significant but more limited. Dr. Lynn Klotz of Harvard University and Dr. Jay George, Assistant Director – National Cancer Institute, have concluded that if small molecule apoptosis-inducing drugs with reasonable pharmacological properties can be discovered and developed, those drugs combined with traditional anticancer drugs would find wide use. Drs. Klotz's and George's conclusions were based on their independent research and personal interviews with three prominent oncologists.

#### *Idun's Product Pipeline*

Indication	Target	Develop Assays	Identify Hits	Optimize Hits	File IND	Initiate Phase I
Hepatic Disease	Caspase Inhibitor					
Organ Preservation	Caspase Inhibitor					
Stroke/Park'n Disease (Novartis)	Caspase Inhibitor					
Stroke/Park'n Disease (Novartis)	Apaf-1 Inhibitor					
Cancer (Abbott)	Bcl-2 Antagonist					
Cancer (Abbott)	Akt Inhibitor					
Cancer (Abbott)	Apaf-1 Agonist					
Cardiovascular Disease	Caspase Inhibitor					
Inflammation	Caspase Inhibitor					

### Risks and Mitigating Factors

- **Early stage of product development.** Although Idun's corporate partnerships with Novartis and Abbott as well as its own proprietary drug discovery efforts provide several avenues for potential success, it is possible that Idun's research in apoptosis does not lead to the discovery of any meaningful drug compounds. In addition, the development and commercial use of the Company's products are regulated as drugs by the FDA and comparable foreign regulatory agencies. The regulatory approval process for new drugs and drug delivery systems, including required preclinical studies and clinical trials, is lengthy and expensive. There can be no assurance that the necessary FDA clearances and subsequent approvals of the Company's products will be obtained in a timely manner, if at all. The failure by Idun or its corporate partners to develop a commercially successful drug would likely result in a loss of significant value to Idun's shareholders.

We believe that this risk is mitigated by the breadth of Idun's technology platform and the strength of the Company's corporate partners.

- **Need for additional capital.** The Company expects that its existing capital resources, together with the estimated net proceeds from this offering, will enable the Company to maintain its current and planned operations for the next 30 months. Idun will need to raise substantial additional funds through additional financings including public or private equity offerings and collaborative research and development arrangements with corporate partners. We believe that through the results of its own proprietary research programs, its collaborations with Novartis and Abbott, or products that it may in-license, Idun will have one or more products in clinical trials during the next three years. At that stage, Idun will be able to raise substantial capital in an initial public offering, merger, or other corporate financing, that will allow the Company to successfully complete its trials and bring a product to market.

- **Idun faces significant competition.** Competition in the research and development of therapeutics in the apoptosis field is intense and expected to increase. To date, there have been no FDA approvals of therapeutics in this field. The Company believes that other medical and pharmaceutical companies are engaged in research and development in the apoptosis field (e.g., Merck, Vertex and others). In addition, other technologies or products may be developed that have an entirely different approach or means of accomplishing the enhancement of apoptosis therapeutics that would render the Company's technology and products uncompetitive.

In the "core" of the apoptosis pathway, Idun has licensed extensively to create a formidable patent portfolio. In its two target focuses, Bcl-2 family and caspases, Idun has seven issued patents covering eight genes. These patents do not guarantee Idun freedom to operate in the future in all of its activities, but they do provide two important things: 1) a strong patent position to negotiate with competitors that may have related or overlapping intellectual property; and 2) an incentive for large pharmaceutical companies (some of which are competitors today) to invest resources and contribute their expertise (through partnership) to the development of Idun's drug targets. To attract partners, Idun has supplemented its patents with additional intellectual property or know-how, including the recognized thought leaders in the apoptosis field (Scientific Advisory Board and Consultants) and high quality, peer-reviewed basic research in apoptosis biology. Both of these activities place Idun in a strong competitive position regarding identification and optimization of compounds that interact with the key apoptosis regulatory molecules.

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**PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS**

	Prior to Offering Number of Shares	After Offering Number of Shares	Percentage Owned (fully diluted)
<b>PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS</b>			
Novartis	5,981,366	5,981,366	15.7%
Abbott	4,285,714	4,285,714	11.2%
Venture Capital Firms	11,324,272	12,752,844	33.4%
John Hancock	0	1,428,572	3.7%
Others	2,341,540	2,341,540	6.1%
	23,932,892	26,790,035	70.2%
<b>COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>			
	7,546,268	7,546,268	19.8%
Issued Options/Warrants	3,801,084	3,801,084	10.0%
<b>TOTAL SHARES (FULLY DILUTED)</b>	<b>35,280,244</b>	<b>38,137,387</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Costa G. Sevastopoulos, Ph.D.	Chairman, President and CEO of Ixsys, Inc.
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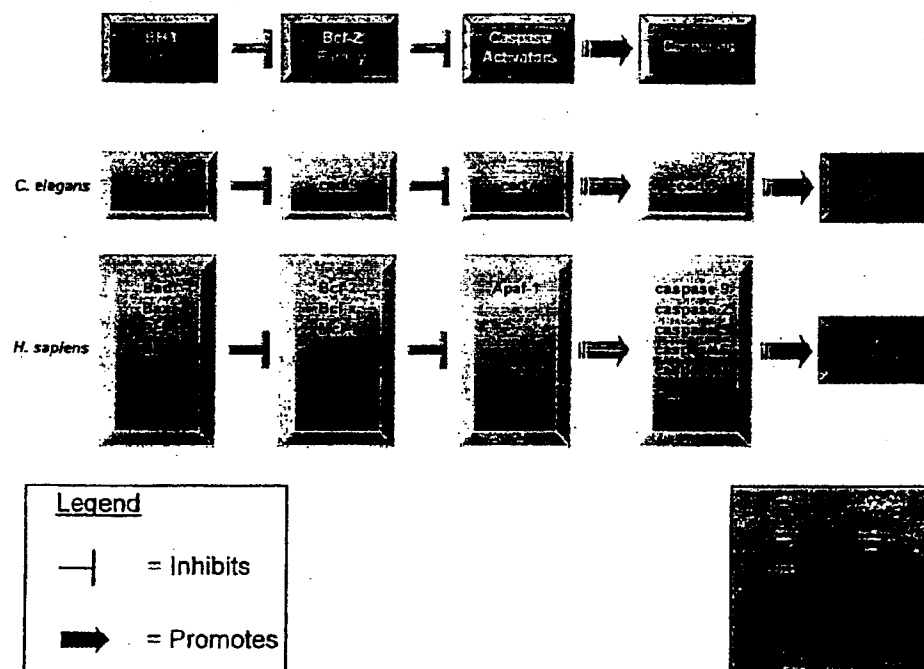
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### Scientific Overview



Apoptosis is a genetically controlled form of cell suicide. Apoptosis, or programmed cell death, is important for embryonic development as well as the maintenance of adult tissues and organs. Insufficient or excessive apoptosis contributes to a number of human diseases. The genes and proteins that comprise the apoptosis pathway were initially identified genetically in model organisms, for example, in the roundworm *C. elegans*, and are recapitulated in human cells (Figure 1).

Figure 1. The Apoptosis Pathway





## Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

## Balance Sheets

	December 31	
	1998	1997
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$25,436,051	\$ 2,612,040
Short-term investments, available-for-sale	4,515,535	11,548,883
Interest receivable	219,313	431,184
Other current assets, net	130,519	160,213
Total current assets	30,301,418	14,752,320
Cash-restricted	349,307	508,085
Property and equipment, net	2,366,878	1,945,106
Other assets	56,721	5,981
	<u>\$33,074,324</u>	<u>\$17,211,492</u>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 255,087	\$ 155,596
Accrued expenses	604,325	563,196
Current portion of capital lease obligations	745,182	685,362
	<u>1,604,594</u>	<u>1,404,154</u>
Deferred revenue from related party	7,500,000	1,500,000
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	1,122,758	924,717
Note payable to related party, including accrued interest	13,675,233	12,955,233
<b>Commitments</b>		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 28,291,667 shares authorized, issuable in series:		
Series A convertible, 1,225,000 shares authorized, 745,000 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$74,500	745	745
Series B convertible, 13,500,000 shares authorized, 12,862,315 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$7,099,998	12,862	12,862
Series C convertible, 9,200,000 shares authorized, 3,043,097 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$6,086,194	3,043	3,043
Series D convertible, 66,667 shares authorized, 15,400 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$46,200	15	-
Series E convertible, 4,300,000 shares authorized, 4,285,715 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$15,000,003	4,286	-
Common stock, \$.001 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized, 7,546,268 and 5,575,092 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively	7,546	5,575
Additional paid-in capital	28,455,169	13,238,096
Note receivable from officer	-	(37,500)
Unrealized gain on short-term investments	4,342	7,378
Accumulated deficit	(19,316,269)	(12,802,811)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>9,171,739</u>	<u>427,388</u>
	<u>\$33,074,324</u>	<u>\$17,211,492</u>

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## Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

## Statements of Operations

	Years ended December 31	
	1998	1997
Revenue under collaborative research agreements with related parties	\$ 6,417,781	\$ 6,187,501
Costs and expenses:		
Research and development	10,334,215	7,987,485
General and administrative	2,422,348	2,168,790
Total costs and expenses	<u>12,756,563</u>	<u>10,156,275</u>
Loss from operations	(6,338,782)	(3,968,774)
Interest income	691,068	918,995
Interest expense	<u>(865,744)</u>	<u>(891,401)</u>
Net loss	<u>(6,513,458)</u>	<u>(3,941,180)</u>
Unrealized gain (loss) on short-term investments	(3,036)	7,378
Comprehensive net loss	<u><u>\$ (6,516,494)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (3,933,802)</u></u>

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## Idun Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

## Statements of Cash Flows

	Years ended December 31	
	1998	1997
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$(6,513,458)	\$(3,941,180)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	728,125	572,343
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	3,877	-
Forgiveness of note receivable from officer	37,500	37,500
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Cash-restricted	158,778	126,915
Other current assets	240,569	(195,478)
Other assets	(50,740)	21,999
Accounts payable	126,685	(15,524)
Deferred revenue	(1,500,000)	1,312,499
Accrued expenses	807,329	851,916
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,961,335)	(1,229,010)
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchases of marketable securities	(5,548,777)	(16,114,045)
Proceeds from sales/maturities of marketable securities	12,579,089	8,450,000
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,154,882)	(45,638)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment	2,104	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	5,877,534	(7,709,683)
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from note payable to related party (Note 2)	7,500,000	-
Proceeds from capital lease obligations	990,224	-
Payments on capital lease obligations	(759,557)	(598,625)
Proceeds from issuance of Series E convertible preferred stock, net	14,960,003	-
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	217,142	38,440
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	22,907,812	(560,185)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	22,824,011	(9,498,878)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,612,040	12,110,918
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$25,436,051	\$ 2,612,040
<b>Supplemental schedule of noncash activities:</b>		
Property and equipment acquired under capital lease obligations	\$ -	\$ 371,407
Conversion of accounts payable to capital lease obligations	\$ 27,194	\$ 145,755
Issuance of Series D convertible preferred stock	\$ 46,200	\$ -
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 145,744	\$ 171,401

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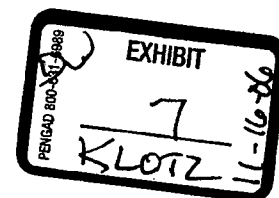
## **D'S EXHIBIT 550**

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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2000 6:46 PM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Preliminary Abbott basket analysis

It took me less time than I thought to consolidate my notes, so here it is in the attachment. I will not do any more work, until we agree on next steps. I am a little under two days work so far.

— Lynn



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## **Preliminary Analysis of Abbott Drug Basket**

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### **General Thoughts, Ideas and Questions**

#### *The basket is really two baskets*

Some of the drugs in the basket are well along in clinical trials and represent new but more traditional approaches to diseases. In contrast, the remaining drugs are cytostatic cancer agents for cancer, and since this is a new untried strategy for everyone, it is high risk. The risk is compounded by the fact that most are in discovery, not in clinical trials.

In our analysis, we should perhaps treat the basket as two, and come up with independent courses of action for each. The traditional drugs in the basket cover a wide range of diseases and thus reduce the risk of competitor's drugs totally shutting Abbott out.

#### *Some thoughts on cytostatic drugs*

There is a general clinical trials issue for cytostatic drugs: Many will enter trials in combination with conventional cytotoxic drugs and effective combinations will have to be determined empirically. Intermediate and surrogate measures of biological response will have to be developed. Regulatory agencies are grappling with the same issues.

The idea of using cytostatic drugs in combination with traditional drugs is however enormously appealing.

Do cytostatic agents reflect Abbott's major cutting-edge cancer strategy? If not, why are they being offered to Hancock?

#### *Precisely what is Hancock buying?*

In the areas where Abbott is still in discovery and doesn't have specific drug candidates will Hancock be buying royalty rights for all compounds, the first to enter clinical trials or the first to enter the marketplace. Rights to the first to enter the marketplace is greatly preferred, since it eliminates the risk that the drug will make it through trials. This is one way to deal with the cytostatic area where the candidates are not yet in clinical trials.

For some compounds, Abbott is conducting clinical trials for one indication, but they state that the compound has shown promise for other indications (off label or not) and diseases. It is

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preferable that Hancock has royalty rights for the compound itself-- that is all indications and diseases, rather than the first indication for which it is being tested in trials. .

*How do we value the technical aspects of the drug basket and competitive drugs?*

First, we might search the business press and MedLine to validate Abbott's claims and analysis for each drug in the basket. Then, for some (many?) basket drugs we should seek the opinion of one to two experts. Literature searching one basket drug is likely a four to five hour task, and may be necessary preparation to prime us with good questions for the experts. We should not need more than two hours of an expert's time. From the point of view of due diligence, experts should be retained for most of the drugs.

*How do we value sales of the drug basket?*

Estimating actual sales of drugs in the basket is difficult, but is key for deciding on the amount of investment and royalty rate. Along with clinical trials, success risk it is the other main source of risk, assuming Abbott doesn't just disappear. Abbott's sales estimates are likely all high, because they would need to be optimistic to sell the drugs/programs internally. A few ideas for schemes for estimating sales are presented below:

1) In this scheme, determine the dollar sales for the top five (ten or twenty?) drugs in each therapeutic area (disease targets), and the average sales of all drugs in that disease area. This data is likely available for many of the disease targets--and Abbott presents some data. Then assume both: optimistically, sales will reach a level of the average of the top five; and conservatively sales will reach the average of all drugs in that area--to give us a feel for the range of sales. For example, cancer and antibiotic markets are highly fragmented, so the average sales of a particular drug is likely small, perhaps less than \$100 million. The average sales of the top five drugs may also be less than \$500 million, less than half of Abbott's projected sales. Of course, we must still take into account the average probabilities that the drugs not fail in clinical trials and reach the marketplace.

2) In this scheme, we try to estimate sales, and probabilities more from "first principles." Start with Abbott's sales estimates and adjust them downward based on market risk factors. The average probabilities that the drugs ever reach the marketplace must be separately taken into account, and should be adjusted upward or downward based on clinical trials risk factors.

The clinical trials risk factors are:

- uncertainties about the targets key role in the disease (would adjust downward the probability that the drug reaches the marketplace)
- uncertainties about toxicity (would adjust probability downward)

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- easily defined or fuzzy clinical trial endpoints (would adjust probability upward or downward). For example, antibiotics have easy endpoints--the patient get better and no evidence of infection; cytostatic drugs have difficult to measure endpoints when in combination with traditional drugs.

We would adjust the development phase probabilities using factors  $ct_i$  which range from perhaps zero to above one. We would need to define the appropriate adjustment factors

The market risk factors are:

- number of competitors
- efficacy and side-effects of Abbott's drug vs. competitor's drugs
- cost of Abbott drug vs competitor's drugs
- market need, dire to modest

We would adjust downward Abbott's sales estimates using factors  $mr_i$  between zero and one.

Of course determining the  $ct_i$  and  $mr_i$  factors is somewhat guess work, but at the very least the effort would allow us to better focus on the issues and get some idea of value and risk of the package.

*Thoughts on the investment risk spectrum:*

- *Example of a zero risk approach:* If Hancock received a guaranteed return on its investment each year increasing yearly regardless of sales, so that the internal rate of return was significant (e.g., 15%), there would be no risk but also no upside reward. One way of receiving the return would be for it to start, for example, in 2003 and ramp up to a maximum in 2015 and decline over the next five years. Under this scenario, Abbott would be paying return from the anticipated drug sales, and Abbott would experience all the up-side and down-side. Hancock would have no risk.
- *Example of an intermediate risk approach:* Receive a guaranteed internal rate of return of for example 5% to 7% as in the above, and receive the rest of the return based on actual sales, so upside potential exists. In this model with a 7% return, one could perhaps even take Abbott's likely inflated sales estimates, since it is all upside above 7%. This removes much of the uncertainty of estimates of eventual sales.
- *Highest risk approach:* Hancock does its best to estimate what it expects for sales on the drug basket, makes the appropriate investment with an appropriate royalty rate, and receives all its return as royalty on actual sales.

*An idea for simplifying the financial calculations of appropriate investment amount and royalty rate to give an acceptable internal rate of return (IRR) to Hancock.*

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Since all the drugs in the basket which are in clinical trials are about the same phase of clinical trials (this excludes all the cytostatic agents except one) begin sales approximately between 2003-2005 and ramp up to maximum sales in approximately 2010-2013, and patents expire about 5 years later, we could use the linear IRR model developed at present only for single drugs by treating the package as a single drug, with total sales and average probability.

This will be a quick and dirty way, and likely as good as a more detailed model, to get in the range of reasonable royalty return.

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**Summary Profile of the Basket**

Drug	Disease Targets	Mechanism of Action	Stage of Development	Preliminary Assessment Promise/Market-risk	Projected Maximum Sales
ABT-980	benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)	alpha 1a adrenoceptor antagonist	phase II completed, phase III begun?	high/medium	\$700 mil. (worldwide)
ABT-627	cytostatic therapy for hormone resistant metastatic prostate cancer (PCA)	endothelin ET-1 antagonist for Eta receptor	phase II completed, phase III begun?	medium/medium	\$1,000 mil. (worldwide)
ABT-773	bacteria resistant to present antibiotics	new class of antibiotics (ketolides)	phase III?	high/low	\$1,000 mil. (worldwide)
ABT-594	diabetic neuropathic pain	cholinergic channel modulator (chCM)	phase IIa, Phase IIb about to begin	high/medium	\$1,100 mil. (worldwide)
A-254751	cytotoxic therapy for late stage breast, NSCL, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers	binds to the colchicine site on tubulin to inhibit microtubule formation	preclinical or phase I?	high/high	\$680 million (worldwide)
ABT-518	cytostatic therapy for late stage breast, NSCL, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers	matrix metallo proteinase inhibitor (MMPI)	preclinical or phase I	high/high	\$850 mil. (worldwide)
FTI	same as ABT-518	farnesyl-transferase inhibitors which block either farnesylation of RAS or RhoB	early preclinical?	high/high	\$850 mil. (worldwide)
Uro-kinase inhibitors	same as ABT-518	serine protease inhibitor	early preclinical	high/high	\$850 mil. (worldwide)

Note to table: Market risk, in this preliminary assessment is a qualitative "feel" based on uncertainties in technical strategy, uncertainties in clinical trials, perceived value of the drug compared to others, number of competitors.

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Issues, Questions, Evaluation Tasks

*ABT-980 (alpha 1a adrenoceptor antagonist for BPH).*

Product is scheduled to begin Phase III clinical trials in second quarter 2000. Has it begun Phase III? What were the results of Phase II?

According to Abbott, uroselective agents such as Tamsulosin (Flomax®) and ABT980 are predicted to be the standard of care replacing existing non-selective agents. We should search the literature for a confirmation of that statement, and understand the medical communities view of selective vs non-selective agents and competitor potential of Flomax.

At time of ABT980 launch, Abbott expects competition from several other alpha 1a blockers. Abbott lists three key competitive drugs in clinical trials, one lead competitor/drug is Yamanuchi/Glaxo's drug Dutasteride which is in Phase III trials. As a "spot check," we should learn what we can about the status and promise of that drug?

*ABT 627 (endothelin ET-1 antagonist for Eta receptor for metastatic prostate cancer).*

Abbott classifies this drug as a cytostatic agent not a cytotoxic agent, because it only retards progression of PCa and doesn't cure it. Abbott is positioning it as a drug that delays progression and improves quality of life for HRPcCa patients. In clinical trials, quality of life is a somewhat fuzzy endpoint, but some measure can be achieved. Since prostate cancer usually progresses slowly, measuring a delay in progression may be difficult in clinical trials? What effect will this have on FDA's assessment?

Has the drug yet entered Phase III trials, if so when? Are preliminary data available? Is it the only Abbott cytostatic agent in advanced clinical trials?

The drug is in Phase I trials for other cancer types. Animal studies (Abbott's or general literature knowledge?) indicate that there is potential for other non-cancer conditions? Would Hancock receive royalties for these too; put another way, is Hancock buying royalty shares for all sales of the compound, or for just prostate cancer?

For advanced PCa, hormone therapy is the main treatment, but treatment becomes ineffective after two to three years with reduced life expectancy of only 12 months, and no chemotherapy has shown promise for these patients. Perhaps we should "spot-check" the accuracy of these statements. (Patients resistant to hormone therapy are called HRPcCa.)

Novatrone (Novantrone/Immunex) is the only drug for HRPcCa with pain. We should perhaps ascertain its promise as a competitor, as a "spot-check" on Abbott's reasoning.

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Are there enough HRPc patients to justify Abbott's \$1 billion projected sales of the drug, especially since there are at least 10 competitive drugs in advanced clinical trials? How will PSA testing eventually reduce the number of patients with metastatic disease? I believe it has a great success in the US.

*ABT-773 (a new class of antibiotics for bacteria resistant to present antibiotics)*

We should MedLine and business database search ketolide antibiotics to independently determine their promise. Then an expert like Stuart Levy should be consulted. Andy Onderdonk might also be able to supply the names of experts for us.

Phase II clinical trial results look impressive to me: highly efficacious against four bacteria. Why did they pick those four bacteria? Since the multicenter phase II clinical trials were completed in April 1999 and the data have been analyzed, the drug should be in phase III. Is it? How far along?

Antibiotic clinical trials are relatively straight forward, the infection disappears and the patient gets better in short time.

Adventis' ketolide (telithromycin/Ketek) is ahead with an NDA filed 3/00. Has it been approved?  
How does Abbott's ketolide compare?

*ABT-594 (cholinergic channel modulator (chCM), initial indication is for diabetic neuropathic pain).*

The drug, according to Abbott, is expected to be the first cholinergic channel modulator on the market. How promising is this approach compared to others? We should look at the phase IIa results.

There may be a problem with the therapeutic window. Phase I studies indicated a maximum tolerated dose of 150 ug/day for an oral formulation. Abbott says for capsules results "suggest that higher doses can be tolerated." How much higher? Phase IIa studies suggest "a trend towards analgesic effect at 75 ug bi daily (BID). Thus, the therapeutic window may only be slightly greater than one, and about 10% of patients at 75 ug BID had a number of uncomfortable side effects such as headaches, nausea, etc. There appears to be some risk of not passing phase II clinical trials. We should perhaps get an assessment from a pain clinical-trials expert.

While the initial indication is narrowly defined as diabetic neuropathic pain, the ultimate market is for neuropathic chronic pain in general. This is an underserved market according to Abbott.

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Pregabalin/Park-Davis is in Phase III (for neuropathic pain?) and is expected to be introduced in 2001. GV 196771 Glaxo is in phase II for neuropathic and chronic pain. These appear to be serious competitors, we should learn what we can about them from the literature, and an expert assessment.

*A-254751 (binds to the colchicine site on tubulin to inhibit microtubule formation, for MDR resistant tumors)*

The drug "inhibits the *in vitro* polymerization of microtubules." Also inhibits a broad spectrum of tumor-derived human cell lines including those that are paclitaxel and doxorubicin resistant due to MDR and other phenotypes. This meets a important market need.

In animal synergic (definition?) and xenograft models, "A-254751 demonstrated impressive oral anti tumor activity."

In dogs, there have been adverse cardiovascular effects (caused by vasoconstriction?), that have not been observed in patients. Does this mean that Phase I trials are underway, completed?

Abbott states that it will thoroughly quantify the risk from vasoconstriction in humans caused by intermittent and repeated dosing of the drug. The drug may well present too big a risk to humans and not make it out of phase I. What is Abbott's current status and assessment of the drug?

There are seven competitive colchicine site ligands in development by competitors. Three have been abandoned in Phase I (not safe) and one in phase II (why?). Three are still actively being developed. This both highlights the safety risk and the promise. We need a cancer experts assessment of the safety and promise of the approach (either Peter Glazer or someone he recommends).

I am surprised that their maximum sales estimate is less than \$1 billion, as drugs that are effective and can defeat MDR should find high usage in a total cytotoxic market of over \$7 billion.

*ABT-518 (matrix metallo proteinase inhibitor program, cytostatic therapy for late stage breast, NSCL (non-small cell lung cancer), ovarian, and pancreatic cancers)*

The MMP enzymes are elevated in cancer and are associated with the ability of cancers to metastasize. Inhibitors of MMP's may suppress tumors by suppressing invasion of the cancer into the blood and they may also suppress angiogenesis. Since they don't attack the tumor cells themselves, they are called cytostatic agents and represent chronic therapy. These may be small

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molecule competitors to Entremed's (Folkman's lab) angiogenesis drugs.

Abbott states that there are more than 200 compounds in development for cytostatic targets.

This is a program targeting gelatinase A and gelatinase B, because Abbott claims these two MMP's are particularly important in tumor progression. We should see what the literature says about the promise of gelatinase targeting as opposed to other enzymes involved in invasion.

Would Hancock's rights extend to all MMP inhibitors developed in the program or be limited to ABT-518?

Therapeutic window of 20 in rats bodes well to the drug.

These agents have the advantage that they can be given in combination with current therapy, so the FDA may allow clinical trials on early-stage cancer patients which would expand potential market too. In addition, in my view, these add-on combination therapies have unusual promise but are high market risk because they are new.

AB518 has been tested in animals with good pharmacokinetics and toxicology.

Abbott expects sales to begin in 2006 peaking in 2012. This means the whole clinical trial process will take about 6 years which is about right for trials today. Will this drug enter Phase I this year, so that the time schedule can be met?

*FTI program (farnesyltransferase inhibitors which either block farnesylation of RAS or RhoB, cytostatic therapy for late stage breast, NSCL, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers)*

These agents appear to inhibit angiogenesis, and so are cytostatic agents.

According to Abbott, "farnesyltransferase inhibitors have demonstrated impressive anti tumor activity in preclinical models with activity equivalent to or better than that achieved with conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy given at maximal tolerated dose."

This approach is validated by the fact that there are 12 competitor drugs in development, five in clinical trials. Abbott may be late in a crowded field. Janssen Pharmaceutica/R-11577 is in Phase III and Schering-Plough/Sch66336 is in Phase II. We should learn about the promise of these two drugs, both to assess the real promise of the approach and the potency of the competition.

While Abbott is not yet in clinical trials, has it picked a promising candidate?

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*Urokinase inhibitor program (serine protease that activates plasminogen to plasmin which breaks down basement membrane and interstitial matrix, cytostatic therapy for late stage breast, NSCL, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers)*

Urokinase breaks down basement membrane and interstitial matrix required for tumor growth and metastasis.

Abbott's urokinase program is more advanced than competitors (at least seven competitors in preclinicals) with potency 20 fold more than nearest competitor.

Again, the number of competitors developing urokinase inhibitors validates the approach.

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## **D'S EXHIBIT 551**

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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2000 8:52 PM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Materials for your comments

Steve,

I spent the whole day today literature searching for abstracts in all cancer areas relating to Abbott's drug basket. At this point, I have read and have a good feeling for the state of research and drug development in the cytostatic area in general and for the endothelin ET-1 antagonist (ABT-627). I have identified experts for interviews in both areas, and have generated lists of questions for both the experts and Abbott. Attached are several files:

**\*\* intro-statement:** My draft cover story for expert interviews. Please review.

**\*\*abbott-cytostatic:** Interview candidates and questions for experts and Abbott. After your edits, you may wish to e-mail Abbott their questions, or alternatively save them for your next encounter with them. Perhaps a conference call among you, me and Abbott would be an efficient way to introduce the questions. Of the many abstracts I read, I have included in this file some that might help you get up to speed on the thinking in cytostatic agents and ET-1 antagonists.

**\*\*abbott-bask:** This is the same one I sent you last week. I have made a few corrections to the Table, so I am resending it.

The bottom line is that cytostatics is an area of high promise, but there are issues: proof that it will deliver and clinical trial endpoint issues, are the two main ones.

My plan is to start interviews in these two areas, before reading and condensing my research into the other cancer areas. After the cancer drugs, I will tackle the other non cancer drugs.

When, you look at this material, let's talk

- Lynn



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### **Introductory Statement to Interviewees**

file: intro-statement

I am a consultant for the investment arm of John Hancock Mutual Insurance Company. John Hancock is considering an investment in a major pharmaceutical company. As part of its due diligence, John Hancock must understand something about the pharmaceutical company's drugs both on the market and in development and the competitive situation for both.

I am trying to understand the promise and issues with drugs in development in your area of expertise [\*\*\*name area\*\*\*\*], may I schedule a half-hour of your time to ask you some questions over the telephone? John Hancock is willing to give you an honorarium of \$150 for your help.

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## Cytostatic Agents in General and Particular Abbott Drugs and Targets

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### Cytostatic agents in general

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nelsonjb@msx.upmc.edu. This e-mail address is for the University of Pittsburgh. Is he there or at Johns Hopkins, since he seems to publish in both places?

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# Selected Literature Abstracts

## Especially informative articles about cytostatic therapies in general

My comments are in *italics*.

18: Cancer Res 1995 May 1;55(9):1856-62

Molecular insights into cancer invasion: strategies for prevention and intervention.

Kohn EC, Liotta LA, Laboratory of Pathology, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland 28092, USA.

*(Liotta is a highly regarded cancer researcher. We should interview him or someone from his lab. Get suggestions on whom to interview from Carol Dahl. This particular article, however, is old.)*

The diagnosis and treatment of solid tumors usually begins at a late stage when most patients already have occult or overt metastasis. Many years of cancer progression precede diagnosis of most solid tumors. Novel noncytotoxic therapeutics may be specially suited for administration during this interval. An important window of intervention can be defined as the period during which transition from a hyperproliferative state to acquisition of the capacity for invasion and metastasis occurs. Investigation of the molecular basis of invasion is uncovering strategies for delaying progression of preinvasive carcinoma and treatment of primary tumors and established metastasis. Although tumor cell invasion might not be rate limiting for the growth of metastasis, anti-invasive agents can block tumor angiogenesis and thereby indirectly block metastasis growth. Two classes of molecular anti-invasion targets exist: (a) cell surface and extracellular proteins, which mediate sensing, adhesion, and proteolysis; and (b) signal transduction pathways, which regulate invasion, angiogenesis, and proliferation. Both categories of targets yield treatment approaches that are now being tested in the clinic. Metalloproteinase inhibitors, such as BB94, are based on the recognition that metalloproteinases play a necessary role in invasion and angiogenesis. *(Today—five years later—what is the status of BB94?)* The orally active signal transduction inhibitor carboxyamidotriazole modulates non-voltage-gated calcium influx-regulated signal pathways and reversibly inhibits tumor invasion, growth, and angiogenesis. Blockade of invasion, angiogenesis, or cellular signal pathways is likely to generate a cytostatic, rather than a cytotoxic effect. Cytostatic therapy constitutes an alternative paradigm for clinical translation that may complement conventional cytotoxic therapy. For patients with newly diagnosed solid tumors, long-term cytostatic therapy could potentially create a state of metastasis dormancy or delay the time to overt relapse following cytotoxic agent-induced remission. Clinical toxicity and pharmacology using oral cytostatic agents in phase I trials and in adjuvant settings will provide an important foundation for the translation of this approach to the preinvasive carcinoma period.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 7728753, UI: 95246023

1: Oncologist 2000;5 Suppl 1:51-4

Clinical strategy for the development of angiogenesis inhibitors.

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Angiogenesis inhibitors differ from conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy agents by targeting normal cells rather than tumor cells, which may contain multiple mutations. Because of this, the traditional strategy used in clinical development of cytotoxic agents may not be appropriate for these novel agents. Many clinical studies are now evaluating these agents with a new approach, referred to as the cytostatic paradigm. The cornerstone of the cytostatic paradigm is the use of time to progression (TTP) of disease as the decision-making criterion for "go/no go" in the early phases of clinical development. However, the use of TTP as the main criterion for clinical trials is complicated for a variety of reasons, including: A) the lack of standardized criteria accepted by regulatory authorities; B) the heterogeneity of the historical database, and C) the larger number of patients needed for the "go/no go" decision-making process. In addition, clinical trials of cytotoxic agents have traditionally used objective response (despite the controversy regarding objective response as a surrogate for clinical activity) as the main criterion for determining whether the results of phase II studies justify the pivotal phase III studies. Another aspect of the clinical development strategy is combining angiogenesis inhibitors with cytotoxic chemotherapy. The rationale for combination of angiogenesis inhibitors with cytotoxic agents is based on: A) different targets for these agents; B) lack of cross-resistance patterns; C) lack of myelosuppression with angiogenesis inhibitors allows administration of full doses of all agents, and D) the assumption that combining these agents will result in additive antitumor activity. Combination therapy with angiogenesis inhibitors may be attractive to both clinicians and their patients because it allows cytostatic agents to be used upfront in treatment while contributing to drug registration strategy (cytostatic/cytotoxic combination therapy versus cytotoxic therapy). The clinical development of the angiogenesis inhibitor SU5416, a small molecule inhibitor of vascular endothelial growth factor, is currently ongoing. In phase I trials, SU5416 demonstrated activity in both colorectal and non-small-cell lung cancer patients. Based on these encouraging results, phase III studies to evaluate combination of SU5416 with established cytotoxic therapy are planned. (*This competitive drug seems to be ahead of Abbott's candidates for NSCL*). These studies will include an interim analysis, the equivalent of a phase II evaluation of clinical activity. If successful, this strategic approach will save significant time in the clinical development process.

PMID: 10804092, UI: 20264300

2: Oncologist 2000;5 Suppl 1:20-7

Antiangiogenic strategies and agents in clinical trials.

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The understanding that the growth of tumors depends on the acquisition of a blood supply has led to the development of new therapies for cancer and other angiogenic diseases based on inhibition of neovascularization. This review examines the role of angiogenesis in cancer progression and describes various strategies for interfering with this process. The developmental status of angiogenesis inhibitors in human clinical trials is presented, including their proposed mechanisms of action. (*This statement indicates this person should be interviewed, especially since this is a brand-new paper, but e-mail him to try to get a copy of the paper first.*) Standard chemotherapeutic agents and angiogenesis inhibitors are compared, noting that different end points might need to be considered in clinical trials and that drug resistance may be less of a problem with antiangiogenic

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therapy than with conventional chemotherapy regimens. The suggestion is made that cytotoxic chemotherapy and angiogenesis inhibitors used in combination may produce complementary therapeutic benefits in the treatment of cancer.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10804087, UI: 20264295

13: Curr Pharm Des 2000 Mar;6(4):417-39

Angiogenesis: new targets for the development of anticancer chemotherapies.

Gourley M, Williamson JS

Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Mississippi, Mississippi, MS 38677, USA.

*(Perhaps the medicinal chemistry perspective would be useful to us.)*

Angiogenesis is the process by which new blood vessels are formed from preexisting microvasculature. To ensure an adequate blood supply, tumor cells release angiogenic factors that are capable of promoting nearby blood vessels to extend vascular branches to the tumor. In addition, larger tumors have been shown to release angiogenic inhibitory factors that prevent blood vessels from sending branches to smaller, more distant tumors that compete for oxygen and nutrients. Angiogenesis is a complex multistep biochemical process, and offers several potential molecular targets for non-cytotoxic anticancer therapies. Strategies for exploiting tumor angiogenesis for novel cancer drug discovery include: (i) inhibition of proteolytic enzymes that breakdown the extracellular matrix surrounding existing capillaries; (ii) inhibition of endothelial cell migration; (iii) inhibition of endothelial cell proliferation; (iv) enhancement of tumor endothelial cell apoptosis. There is also a host of miscellaneous agents that inhibit angiogenesis for which the specific mechanisms are not clear. Several methods have been developed for measuring antiangiogenic activity both in vitro and in vivo. Although there has been intensive research efforts focused at the phenomena of angiogenesis, as well as the search for antiangiogenic agents for more than two decades, many questions remain unanswered with regard to the overall biochemical mechanisms of the angiogenesis process and the potential therapeutic utility of angiogenic inhibitors. Nevertheless potent angiogenic inhibitors capable of blocking tumor growth have been discovered, and appear to have potential for development into novel anticancer therapeutics. However there are still hurdles to be overcome before these inhibitors become mainstream therapies.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, academic

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Especially informative articles about endothelin receptor antagonist field and advanced prostate cancer

My comments in *italics*.

6: Semin Oncol 1999 Apr;26(2):217-26

Drug development in prostate cancer.

Ripple GH, Wilding G

Department of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison, USA.

Despite strategies aimed at early detection and treatment, prostate cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among males. Current therapies have limited impact on the natural history of metastatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer (HRPC). With an improved understanding of tumor biology, including apoptosis, differentiation, cell cycling and signaling, and angiogenesis, many potential new targets for therapy have been unveiled. Modulation of these processes may result in cytotoxic or cytostatic effects. The evaluation of therapies based on manipulation of these targets may not be adequately addressed by current study designs and traditional parameters of efficacy. Examples of agents currently in clinical trials that illustrate some of the challenges presented to clinical investigators include monoterpenes such as perillyl alcohol (POH), vitamin D analogs, flavones such as flavopiridol, and angiogenesis inhibitors. Agents such as these are aimed at unique cellular targets and will require novel approaches to determine their clinical utility. Unfortunately, in the United States, only a small proportion of cancer patients, including prostate cancer patients, are enrolled in clinical trials. We must do better to efficiently assess promising new treatment approaches and improve outcome for our patients.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10597732, UI: 20064602

11: Cancer Res 1996 Feb 15;56(4):663-8

Endothelin-1 production and decreased endothelin B receptor expression in advanced prostate cancer.

Nelson JB, Chan-Tack K, Hedican SP, Magnuson SR, Opgenorth TJ, Bova GS, Simons JW  
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The potent vasoconstrictor endothelin-1 (ET-1) is at its highest concentration in the normal human ejaculate and is associated with the progression of metastatic prostate cancer. ET-1 protein expression is detected in situ in 14 of 14 primary cancers and 14 of 16 metastatic sites of human prostatic carcinoma. Exogenous ET-1 induces prostate cancer proliferation directly and enhances the mitogenic effects of insulin-like growth factor I, insulin-like growth factor II, platelet-derived growth factor, basic fibroblast growth factor, and epidermal growth factor in serum-free conditions in vitro. The ETA-selective receptor antagonist A-127722 (*an Abbott compound?*) inhibits ET-1-stimulated growth, but the ETB-selective receptor antagonist BQ-788 does not. ET-3, an ETB-selective agonist, also had no effect on prostate cancer growth. No specific ETB-binding sites could be demonstrated in any established human prostate cancer cell line tested, and ETB mRNA, detected by reverse transcription PCR, was reduced. The predominance of ETB binding on human

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benign prostatic epithelial tissue is not present in metastatic prostate cancer by autoradiography. In human prostate cancer progression to metastases, ET-1 and ETA expression are retained, whereas ETB receptor expression is reduced.

PMID: 8630991, UI: 96223664

6: Cancer Res 1998 Nov 1;58(21):4817-22

ET-1 expression and growth inhibition of prostate cancer cells: a retinoid target with novel specificity.

Hsu JY, Pfahl M

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, San Diego, California 92121, USA.

Endothelin-1 (ET-1) is not only a potent vasoconstrictor but also serves as an important growth stimulator in various cancers, including breast, cervical, pancreatic, and prostate cancer. This suggests that blockage of ET-1 production may suppress tumor growth and possibly metastasis. We observed that certain synthetic retinoids, and all-trans-retinoic acid can repress LNCaP prostate cancer cell growth in vitro. In addition, these retinoid compounds counteracted exogenous ET-1-induced growth stimulation. Retinoid-dependent growth retardation of LNCaP cells coincided with suppression of ET-1 gene expression to a level undetectable by reverse transcription-PCR. (How do the small-molecule retinoid drugs suppress ET-1 gene expression (affect promoter activity, see below)? Is ABT-627 a retinoid compound which works at the level of transcription, or is a traditional antagonist binding directly to the Eta receptor? Do retinoids represent serious competition to ABT-627? Are they in development and by whom?) Contrarily, the androgen-insensitive DU145 cells were refractory to retinoid treatment. To investigate the underlying mechanisms of the cell-specific response to retinoids, we transfected ET-1 promoter constructs containing wild-type or mutated AP-1 or GATA-2 site into prostate cancer cells. Distinct regulations of ET-1 promoter activity were found; in LNCaP cells, both binding sites are essential for optimal promoter activation, whereas in DU145 cells, additional promoter sequences and/or transcriptional factors seem to be involved. Furthermore, several anti-AP-1 selective retinoids failed to repress ET-1 promoter activity and to exhibit a cell growth-inhibitory effect on LNCaP cells, suggesting that different retinoid structural configurations are required for the inhibition of an AP-1 complex versus an AP-1/GATA-2 complex.

PMID: 9809984, UI: 99025856

7: Ned Tijdschr Geneeskd 1997 Sep 20;141(38):1806-10

[Endothelins: possibly a new pharmacological approach in cardiovascular diseases, kidney diseases and oncological disorders].

[Article in Dutch]

Kroodsma JM, Rabelink AJ

Academisch Ziekenhuis, afd. Nefrologie, Utrecht.

Only 10 years ago, the vasoconstricting peptide endothelin was discovered; it is produced by endothelial cells. Different isoforms and receptors of endothelin have been identified. The effects of endothelin-I, the most important isoform, are mainly vasoconstriction and proliferation of cells. (ET-1 is the most important ET isoform) In the last few years endothelin receptor antagonists have become available, which can delineate the clinical importance of the endothelin system. Possible indications for endothelin receptor blockers are renal disease (acute and chronic renal failure) and cardiovascular disease (heart failure; restenosis after percutaneous transluminal coronary

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angioplasty (PTCA); pulmonary hypertension; systemic hypertension). There is also a possible role for endothelin receptor blockers in oncology (prostatic carcinoma). *(This 1997 paper talks about possible roles of Eia blockers in prostate cancer.)* Currently clinical trials are being carried out to determine the efficacy of these compounds for the above-mentioned indications. *(Do these authors know of other clinical trials in progress?)*

Publication Types:

Review

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 9**

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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2000 5:01 PM  
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**Subject:** Update on cytostatic area

Steve:

Here are the questions, etc from my research of the cytostatic field (see attachment). The questions for those to be interviewed about general cytostatic agents are in pretty good shape. Please read them and add additional questions if you wish.

This research is time consuming. I have put in about 38 hours so far, but I think worth it, since it provides the background and information for the key issues and questions to be asked. If you want to short cut anything, advise me.

The questions to Abbott definitely need editing, and I don't think we should ask them many of these questions until I have completed the interviews. The answers may become obvious. And a few of the Abbott questions are trivial in the sense that they would satisfy my curiosity on a few points, but no answer would change our view on the investment. I suspect I will eliminate these, since we will have more meaningful questions.

The bottom line is that cytostatic therapies is a hot development area, but there are a number of general issues (e.g., clinical trial endpoints, effectiveness, cost effectiveness, competition, etc.) Most are not yet in clinical trials, so the probability of a particular compound reaching the marketplace is low; therefore, cytostatic therapies are more an up-side on the investment in the rest of the basket.

I will collect contact information and set up interviews from July 5 to July 10 when I am travelling and can find access the internet or make phone calls. I plan to conduct the interviews when I return. We may have 40 potential interviews, which is too many, so we together will need to make some decisions as to what to cut short.

Over the next few days, since I expect most people are away for the holiday, I will continue my literature search into the other basket drugs.

-Lynn



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- They will be administered chronically (daily), which could be expensive;
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**The matrix metalloprotease inhibitor (ABT-518)**

Potential interviewees for ABT-518

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*Alternates:*

Wojtowicz-Praga S, Theradex, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, USA.  
*(If this company is not a drug company, these authors may be good interview candidates? I should internet search this company.)*

Rosemurgy A, Harris J, Langleben A, Casper E, Goode S, Rasmussen H  
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Questions for ABT-518 interviewees

It has been reported that Marimastat had no survival advantage when compared to chemotherapy with gemcitabine in advanced pancreatic cancer. With no survival advantage, would the FDA be skeptical about the value of slower progression of the disease, especially since there are serious joint-pain side effects (reduction in quality of life). To play devil's advocate, you could argue that not prolonging the patient's life and at the same time inflicting pain why should the FDA approve this drug? Could failure for approval of Marimastat make the approval barriers higher for follow on drugs?

Are there any particular MMP targets where joint pain might be less an issue (e.g, collagen, gelatinases, stromelysin)? What does Marimastat target?

How many different targets have been identified for MMPI inhibitors? Some I know of are collagenases, gelatinases, stromelysin. What are the most interesting targets? Do any appear to be superior, inferior?

Several compounds have entered phase III combination therapy trials and others are in trail alone. What is the latest data? Especially promising compounds or results? Any new issues?

I assume that most MMPI's must be given chronically (daily?), and therefore oral administration is greatly preferred, have any of the MMPI's you are aware of have any pharmacokinetic issues

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(e.g. reduced bioavailability from adsorption to food)?

Do you think a drug that successfully slows metastasis would be widely used? For which patients would such a drug be prescribed? What percentage cancer patients fall into that category? What number of quality-life-years might such a drug provide? What kinds of sales would you expect for a successful MMPI in cancer?

Drugs that slow metastasis, angiogenesis, etc. that don't usually kill the cancer cells have been dubbed cytostatic therapy? In general, how promising is cytostatic therapy? Has its value been proven anywhere?

I have read that vertebrate collagenase was discovered in 1962; and within a few short years, several inhibitors had been identified. Every major drug company has had an MMP inhibitor program in the past, but in 1999, there is only one such product on the market. Why has the market not materialized? Why the renewed interest? What is the product on the market? For what indication?)

There are many approaches to cytostatic therapy, such as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors, farnesyltransferase inhibitors, and tyrosine kinase inhibitors, serine protease inhibitors (e.g., urokinase inhibitors), endothelin ET-1 antagonists (bind to ETA receptors). Did I miss anything in this list(e.g., other approaches to angiogenesis inhibition)? Is there one approach that seems most promising? Least promising? How would you rank them? Is it too early to tell? Which are the most promising candidates within each approach?

One literature review indicated that approximately thirty cytostatic agents are in clinical trials to inhibit angiogenesis alone, and another fifty agents are in preclinical testing. Cytostatic drug development is a crowded field. Which of the large drug companies do you perceive as leaders in this area?

Questions for Abbott on ABT-518

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What evidence do you have that the gelatinase inhibitors might not have the joint-pain dose-limiting issues?

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What is the current clinical trial status of competitor's drugs? Marimistat? Prinomastat? BMS275291? Others? Especially promising compounds or results? Any new issues?

In one of their publications British Biotech (the developer of Marimistat) makes special mention of gelatinase. Does that mean that British Biotech is also working on gelatinase inhibitors?

With a potential market for lifelong therapy in rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, periodontal disease, osteoporosis would Hancock have rights to these additional markets for ABT-518? Or are uses for the gelatinase ABT-518 limited?

Abbott argues since its MMP inhibitors target gelatinase a and b, they may not cause the joint side effects. What data do you have to confirm this?

Some compounds mentioned in one review article are batismastat, marimastat, BAY12-9566, AG-3340, OPB-3206, KBR-7785, KBR-8301, CDP-845(CT-1746), metastat and AE-941 (Neovastat). It was mentioned that many of these are in clinical trials. How many are in trials for cancer?

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**Farnesyltransferase inhibitors (FTI)**

Potential interviewees for FT inhibitors

Sun J, Blaskovich MA, Knowles D, Qian Y, Ohkanda J, Bailey RD, Hamilton AD, Sebti SM (*possible interview candidates*)  
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa 33612, USA.

Lebowitz PF, Prendergast GC  
(*a good interview candidate, but Prendergast is with DuPont. Maybe interview Lebowitz.*)  
The Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA.

Rowinsky EK, Windle JJ, Von Hoff DD  
(*good interview candidate*)  
Institute for Drug Development, Cancer Therapy and Research Center, San Antonio, TX 78229-3272, USA. erowinski@saci.org

Questions for interviewees on FTI's

Do FTI's generally work better in combination therapy of monotherapy?

Several compounds have entered clinical trials? Are they combination therapy trials, or monotherapy? What is the latest data? Especially promising compounds or results? Any new issues?

What kinds of sales would you expect for a successful FTI inhibitor, given that the cancer drug market is traditionally highly fragmented and the competition for FTI is considerable?

Besides farnesyltransferase, geranylgeranyltransferase seems to be a similar target for FTI-like inhibitors. What are the advantages of each target?

There are many approaches to cytostatic therapy, such as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors, farnesyltransferase inhibitors, and tyrosine kinase inhibitors, serine protease inhibitors (e.g., urokinase inhibitors), endothelin ET-1 antagonists (bind to ETA receptors). Did I miss anything in this list (e.g., other approaches to angiogenesis inhibition)? Is there one approach that seems most promising? Least promising? How would you rank them? Is it too early to tell? Which are the most promising candidates within each approach?

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development is a crowded field. Which of the large drug companies do you perceive as leaders in this area?

Questions for Abbott on FTI's

In one literature study reported by Abbott, the FTI, A-170634, was studied and favorable results in nude mice were obtained. This is not the one that Abbott abandoned which was ABT 839. What is the status of A-170834?

To which inhibitors will Hancock have royalty rights?

The literature mentions several peptidomimetic inhibitors. Are Abbott's inhibitors peptidomimetics? If so, what is the molecular weight range and production cost?

Several FTI's are mentioned in the literature (A-170634, FTI (SCH 56582--a Schering Plough designation but not the one which is in Phase II clinical trials), L-744,832 FTI-2148, FTI-2153), are these expected to enter trials?

Do FTI's generally work better in combination therapy of monotherapy? Will Abbott's enter trials in combination with a traditional cytotoxic drug?

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Given that ras is the oncogene most frequently found in human cancers 30% of most human cancers and at significantly higher rates in certain cancers including pancreatic (90%) and colon (50%), why hasn't Abbott targeted pancreatic cancer?

Is there more evidence implicating Rho in place of Ras in the mechanism of cancer. Is Abbott working on the basic mechanism? Does Abbott feel it has proprietary mechanism knowledge that will aid drug design?

In the literature Merck has published several papers, but Abbott doesn't list them as having an active agent in clinical trials, Schering Plough's agent is the furthest along (in Phase III). Where is Merck today? What is its status today of Schering Plough's drug?

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**Urokinase inhibitors**

Potential interviewees for urokinase inhibitors

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(*Possible for interview*)

Questions for interviewees on urokinase inhibitors

*Notes on mechanism:* urokinase activates plasminogen to plasmin which in turn breaks down basement membranes and interstitial matrix, which is required for solid tumor growth and metastasis. Disease-free survival (DFS) is related to levels of and interactions between (at least?) four components of the plasminogen activator system: urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA), its two inhibitors (PAI-1 and PAI-2), and its membrane receptor uPAR. Plasminogen activator inhibitor 1 (PAI-1) has been found to be a bad prognostic factor in a number of tumors but the reason has not been fully explained.

Since levels of components of the urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA) system of plasminogen activation are correlated with prognosis in several types of cancers, would this mean that each would make good treatment targets?

Are low or high levels of PAI-1 indicate poor prognosis. The abstract literature seems to indicate it is high levels. If it is high levels and PAI-1 is a urokinase inhibitor, what is the explanation? You would expect the opposite.

Since UPA initiates a cascade of proteolytic events that lead, are there any other steps in the cascade that would make for good targets? What are the best targets and why?

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Since levels of components of the urokinase-type plasminogen activator (uPA) system of plasminogen activation are correlated with prognosis in several types of cancers, would this mean that altering the levels of each would make good treatment targets?

Since UPA initiates a cascade of proteolytic events that lead to metastasis. Are there any other steps in the cascade that would make for good targets?) Why was urokinase chosen as the target? Because it initiates events in several different pathways?

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**Selected Literature Abstracts**My comments are in *italics*.Informative articles about cytostatic therapies in general

18: Cancer Res 1995 May 1;55(9):1856-62

Molecular insights into cancer invasion: strategies for prevention and intervention.

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*(Liotta is a highly regarded cancer researcher. We should interview him or someone from his lab. Get suggestions on whom to interview from Carol Dahl. This particular article, however, is old.)*

The diagnosis and treatment of solid tumors usually begins at a late stage when most patients already have occult or overt metastasis. Many years of cancer progression precede diagnosis of most solid tumors. Novel noncytotoxic therapeutics may be specially suited for administration during this interval. An important window of intervention can be defined as the period during which transition from a hyperproliferative state to acquisition of the capacity for invasion and metastasis occurs. Investigation of the molecular basis of invasion is uncovering strategies for delaying progression of preinvasive carcinoma and treatment of primary tumors and established metastasis. Although tumor cell invasion might not be rate limiting for the growth of metastasis, anti-invasive agents can block tumor angiogenesis and thereby indirectly block metastasis growth. Two classes of molecular anti-invasion targets exist: (a) cell surface and extracellular proteins, which mediate sensing, adhesion, and proteolysis; and (b) signal transduction pathways, which regulate invasion, angiogenesis, and proliferation. Both categories of targets yield treatment approaches that are now being tested in the clinic. Metalloproteinase inhibitors, such as BB94, are based on the recognition that metalloproteinases play a necessary role in invasion and angiogenesis. *(Today—five years later—what is the status of BB94?)* The orally active signal transduction inhibitor carboxyamidotriazole modulates non-voltage-gated calcium influx-regulated signal pathways and reversibly inhibits tumor invasion, growth, and angiogenesis. Blockade of invasion, angiogenesis, or cellular signal pathways is likely to generate a cytostatic, rather than a cytotoxic effect. Cytostatic therapy constitutes an alternative paradigm for clinical translation that may complement conventional cytotoxic therapy. For patients with newly diagnosed solid tumors, long-term cytostatic therapy could potentially create a state of metastasis dormancy or delay the time to overt relapse following cytotoxic agent-induced remission. Clinical toxicity and pharmacology using oral cytostatic agents in phase I trials and in adjuvant settings will provide an important foundation for the translation of this approach to the preinvasive carcinoma period.

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1: Oncologist 2000;5 Suppl 1:51-4

Clinical strategy for the development of angiogenesis inhibitors.

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Angiogenesis inhibitors differ from conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy agents by targeting normal cells rather than tumor cells, which may contain multiple mutations. Because of this, the traditional strategy used in clinical development of cytotoxic agents may not be appropriate for these novel agents. Many clinical studies are now evaluating these agents with a new approach, referred to as the cytostatic paradigm. The cornerstone of the cytostatic paradigm is the use of time to progression (TTP) of disease as the decision-making criterion for "go/no go" in the early phases of clinical development. However, the use of TTP as the main criterion for clinical trials is complicated for a variety of reasons, including: A) the lack of standardized criteria accepted by regulatory authorities; B) the heterogeneity of the historical database, and C) the larger number of patients needed for the "go/no go" decision-making process. In addition, clinical trials of cytotoxic agents have traditionally used objective response (despite the controversy regarding objective response as a surrogate for clinical activity) as the main criterion for determining whether the results of phase II studies justify the pivotal phase III studies. Another aspect of the clinical development strategy is combining angiogenesis inhibitors with cytotoxic chemotherapy. The rationale for combination of angiogenesis inhibitors with cytotoxic agents is based on: A) different targets for these agents; B) lack of cross-resistance patterns; C) lack of myelosuppression with angiogenesis inhibitors allows administration of full doses of all agents, and D) the assumption that combining these agents will result in additive antitumor activity. Combination therapy with angiogenesis inhibitors may be attractive to both clinicians and their patients because it allows cytostatic agents to be used upfront in treatment while contributing to drug registration strategy (cytostatic/cytotoxic combination therapy versus cytotoxic therapy). The clinical development of the angiogenesis inhibitor SU5416, a small molecule inhibitor of vascular endothelial growth factor, is currently ongoing. In phase I trials, SU5416 demonstrated activity in both colorectal and non-small-cell lung cancer patients. Based on these encouraging results, phase III studies to evaluate combination of SU5416 with established cytotoxic therapy are planned. (*This competitive drug seems to be ahead of Abbott's candidates for NSCL*). These studies will include an interim analysis, the equivalent of a phase II evaluation of clinical activity. If successful, this strategic approach will save significant time in the clinical development process.

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2: Oncologist 2000;5 Suppl 1:20-7

Antiangiogenic strategies and agents in clinical trials.

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The understanding that the growth of tumors depends on the acquisition of a blood supply has led to the development of new therapies for cancer and other angiogenic diseases based on inhibition of neovascularization. This review examines the role of angiogenesis in cancer progression and describes various strategies for interfering with this process. The developmental status of angiogenesis inhibitors in human clinical trials is presented, including their proposed mechanisms of action. *(This statement indicates this person should be interviewed, especially since this is a brand-new paper, but e-mail him to try to get a copy of the paper first.)* Standard chemotherapeutic agents and angiogenesis inhibitors are compared, noting that different end points might need to be considered in clinical trials and that drug resistance may be less of a problem with antiangiogenic therapy than with conventional chemotherapy regimens. The suggestion is made that cytotoxic chemotherapy and angiogenesis inhibitors used in combination may produce complementary therapeutic benefits in the treatment of cancer.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10804087, UI: 20264295

13: Curr Pharm Des 2000 Mar;6(4):417-39

Angiogenesis: new targets for the development of anticancer chemotherapies.

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*(Perhaps the medicinal chemistry perspective would be useful to us.)*

Angiogenesis is the process by which new blood vessels are formed from preexisting microvasculature. To ensure an adequate blood supply, tumor cells release angiogenic factors that are capable of promoting nearby blood vessels to extend vascular branches to the tumor. In addition, larger tumors have been shown to release angiogenic inhibitory factors that prevent blood vessels from sending branches to smaller, more distant tumors that compete for oxygen and nutrients. Angiogenesis is a complex multistep biochemical process, and offers several potential molecular targets for non-cytotoxic anticancer therapies. Strategies for exploiting tumor angiogenesis for novel cancer drug discovery include: (i) inhibition of proteolytic enzymes that breakdown the extracellular matrix surrounding existing capillaries; (ii) inhibition of endothelial cell migration; (iii) inhibition of endothelial cell proliferation; (iv) enhancement of tumor endothelial cell apoptosis. There is also a host of miscellaneous agents that inhibit angiogenesis for which the specific mechanisms are not clear. Several methods have been developed for measuring antiangiogenic activity both in vitro and in vivo. Although there has been intensive research efforts focused at the phenomena of angiogenesis, as well as the search for antiangiogenic agents for more than two decades, many questions remain unanswered with regard to the overall biochemical mechanisms of the angiogenesis process and the potential

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therapeutic utility of angiogenic inhibitors. Nevertheless potent angiogenic inhibitors capable of blocking tumor growth have been discovered, and appear to have potential for development into novel anticancer therapeutics. However there are still hurdles to be overcome before these inhibitors become mainstream therapies.

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Sample articles on endothelin receptor antagonist field and advanced prostate cancer

My comments in *italics*.

6: Semin Oncol 1999 Apr;26(2):217-26

Drug development in prostate cancer.

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Despite strategies aimed at early detection and treatment, prostate cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among males. Current therapies have limited impact on the natural history of metastatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer (HRPC). With an improved understanding of tumor biology, including apoptosis, differentiation, cell cycling and signaling, and angiogenesis, many potential new targets for therapy have been unveiled. Modulation of these processes may result in cytotoxic or cytostatic effects. The evaluation of therapies based on manipulation of these targets may not be adequately addressed by current study designs and traditional parameters of efficacy. Examples of agents currently in clinical trials that illustrate some of the challenges presented to clinical investigators include monoterpenes such as perillyl alcohol (POH), vitamin D analogs, flavones such as flavopiridol, and angiogenesis inhibitors. Agents such as these are aimed at unique cellular targets and will require novel approaches to determine their clinical utility. Unfortunately, in the United States, only a small proportion of cancer patients, including prostate cancer patients, are enrolled in clinical trials. We must do better to efficiently assess promising new treatment approaches and improve outcome for our patients.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10597732, UI: 20064602

11:Cancer Res 1996 Feb 15;56(4):663-8

Endothelin-1 production and decreased endothelin B receptor expression in advanced prostate cancer.

Nelson JB, Chan-Tack K, Hedican SP, Magnuson SR, Opgenorth TJ, Bova GS, Simons JW  
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The potent vasoconstrictor endothelin-1 (ET-1) is at its highest concentration in the normal human ejaculate and is associated with the progression of metastatic prostate cancer. ET-1 protein expression is detected in situ in 14 of 14 primary cancers and 14 of 16 metastatic sites of human prostatic carcinoma. Exogenous ET-1 induces prostate cancer proliferation directly and enhances the mitogenic effects of insulin-like growth factor I, insulin-like growth factor II, platelet-derived growth factor, basic fibroblast growth factor, and epidermal growth factor in

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serum-free conditions in vitro. The ETA-selective receptor antagonist A-127722 (*an Abbott compound?*) inhibits ET-1-stimulated growth, but the ETB-selective receptor antagonist BQ-788 does not. ET-3, an ETB-selective agonist, also had no effect on prostate cancer growth. No specific ETB-binding sites could be demonstrated in any established human prostate cancer cell line tested, and ETB mRNA, detected by reverse transcription PCR, was reduced. The predominance of ETB binding on human benign prostatic epithelial tissue is not present in metastatic prostate cancer by autoradiography. In human prostate cancer progression to metastases, ET-1 and ETA expression are retained, whereas ETB receptor expression is reduced. PMID: 8630991, UI: 96223664

6:Cancer Res 1998 Nov 1;58(21):4817-22

ET-1 expression and growth inhibition of prostate cancer cells: a retinoid target with novel specificity.

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Endothelin-1 (ET-1) is not only a potent vasoconstrictor but also serves as an important growth stimulator in various cancers, including breast, cervical, pancreatic, and prostate cancer. This suggests that blockage of ET-1 production may suppress tumor growth and possibly metastasis. We observed that certain synthetic retinoids, and all-trans-retinoic acid can repress LNCaP prostate cancer cell growth in vitro. In addition, these retinoid compounds counteracted exogenous ET-1-induced growth stimulation. Retinoid-dependent growth retardation of LNCaP cells coincided with suppression of ET-1 gene expression to a level undetectable by reverse transcription-PCR. (How do the *small-molecule retinoid drugs suppress ET-1 gene expression (affect promotor activity, see below)? Is ABT-627 a retinoid compound which works at the level of transcription, or is a traditional antagonist binding directly to the Eta receptor? Do retinoids represent serious competition to ABT-627? Are they in development and by whom?*) Contrarily, the androgen-insensitive DU145 cells were refractory to retinoid treatment. To investigate the underlying mechanisms of the cell-specific response to retinoids, we transfected ET-1 promoter constructs containing wild-type or mutated AP-1 or GATA-2 site into prostate cancer cells. Distinct regulations of ET-1 promoter activity were found; in LNCaP cells, both binding sites are essential for optimal promoter activation, whereas in DU145 cells, additional promoter sequences and/or transcriptional factors seem to be involved. Furthermore, several anti-AP-1 selective retinoids failed to repress ET-1 promoter activity and to exhibit a cell growth-inhibitory effect on LNCaP cells, suggesting that different retinoid structural configurations are required for the inhibition of an AP-1 complex versus an AP-1/GATA-2 complex.

PMID: 9809984, UI: 99025856

7:Ned Tijdschr Geneeskd 1997 Sep 20;141(38):1806-10

[Endothelins: possibly a new pharmacological approach in cardiovascular diseases, kidney diseases and oncological disorders].

[Article in Dutch]



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Only 10 years ago, the vasoconstricting peptide endothelin was discovered; it is produced by endothelial cells. Different isoforms and receptors of endothelin have been identified. The effects of endothelin-I, the most important isoform, are mainly vasoconstriction and proliferation of cells. (*ET-I is the most important ET isoform*) In the last few years endothelin receptor antagonists have become available, which can delineate the clinical importance of the endothelin system. Possible indications for endothelin receptor blockers are renal disease (acute and chronic renal failure) and cardiovascular disease (heart failure; restenosis after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA); pulmonary hypertension; systemic hypertension). There is also a possible role for endothelin receptor blockers in oncology (prostatic carcinoma). (*This 1997 paper talks about possible roles of Eta blockers in prostate cancer.*) Currently clinical trials are being carried out to determine the efficacy of these compounds for the above-mentioned indications. (*Do these authors know of other clinical trials in progress?*)

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 9545734, UI: 98207344

Sample articles on matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors

1: Drugs 2000 May;59(5):1043-55

Clinical potential of matrix metalloprotease inhibitors in cancer therapy.

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(*These authors would be good for an interview on MMPI's*)

[Medline record in process]

Matrix metalloproteases (MMP) are a family of enzymes that contribute to the degradation of the extracellular matrix. The destruction of the extracellular matrix eventually leads to tumour invasion, metastasis and angiogenesis. Realising this mechanism of action, there is tremendous potential for inhibitors of MMP in cancer therapy. Extensive preclinical data have shown that administration of matrix metalloprotease inhibitors (MMPI) to different animal models results in a reduction in primary tumour growth as well as in the number and size of metastatic lesions. Based on promising preclinical studies, synthetic MMPI have been developed and taken into clinical trials. These include marimastat, BAY- 129566, CGS-27023A, prinomastat (AG-3340), BMS-275291 and metastat (COL-3). These drugs are all in different stages of clinical development, ranging from phase I to III. In general, musculoskeletal problems, such as joint stiffness and pain in hands, arms and shoulders seem to affect most patients in varying degrees, depending on the dose and type of compound administered. (*Depending on the level of pain,*



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*could reduction in quality of life outweigh the value of delaying progression?)* In addition to single agent therapy, several MMPI have entered trials of combination therapy. The objective of combining chemotherapy with an MMPI is to potentiate tumour cytotoxicity as well as to reduce the size and number of metastatic lesions. Several compounds have entered phase III combination therapy trials, but it is still too early to report any data. *(Any data since this article was written.)* There is ongoing research in correlating biological endpoints, such as levels of MMP and markers of angiogenesis with clinical response. As the field of MMP and their inhibitors continues to mature, its role in cancer therapeutics will be better defined. PMID: 10852638, UI: 20309478

1: Invest New Drugs 1999;17(4):387-99

Matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors: applications in oncology.

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Matrix metalloproteinases (MMP) are a group of zinc dependent enzymes which include the interstitial collagenases, stromelysins, gelatinases and membrane-type metalloproteinases. They are involved in the remodelling and turnover of the extracellular matrix proteins. They play a role in wound healing and the pathogenesis of arthritis. In malignancies they play a role in tumor invasion, metastasis and angiogenesis. A number of synthetic matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors (MMPIs) have been developed for clinical use. In preclinical tumor models they have shown promising activity in achieving inhibition of MMPs and reducing tumor growth and metastatic spread. Some have also shown additive or synergistic effects with cytotoxic agents. Phase I and II studies in human subjects have defined the main side effects of these agents as being musculoskeletal pains or arthralgias. As they are cytostatic agents rather than cytotoxic in activity conventional measurements of radiological response for assessment are not applicable in trials. Biological activity has been demonstrated in certain cancers by the effects on levels of tumor markers as surrogate markers of tumor response and also by a fibrotic stromal reaction seen in tumor tissue. Newer agents have been developed with selective inhibition of certain MMPs in an attempt to reduce the side effects. A number of phase III human clinical trials evaluating MMPs are being carried out at present but only one has been formally reported so far. This study suggested that marimastat had no survival advantage when compared to chemotherapy with gemcitabine in advanced pancreatic carcinoma. Current trials are assessing efficacy of MMPIs in maintenance of remission after other modalities of therapy or in combination with cytotoxic agents. *(With no survival advantage, would the FDA be skeptical about slower progression of the disease, especially since there are side effects. To play devil's advocate, you could argue you are not prolonging the patient's life and at the same time you are inflicting pain?)* MMPs have also been demonstrated to play an important role in the articular cartilage destruction seen in both rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. The use of MMPIs in both ex vivo and in vivo models have shown promising results and trials are in process to assess their potential role in the control of articular destruction. The true therapeutic role of MMPIs

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await the results of these randomized studies. (What is the extent of Hancock's right to ABT-518?)

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5: Breast Cancer Res Treat 1998;52(1-3):125-36

Matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors.

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*(This company is the developer of Marimistat, the Abbott Phase III competitor.)*

Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are a family of enzymes responsible for the breakdown of proteins of connective tissue. Through this action they play an important role in growth, development and tissue repair. Recent studies also suggest that MMPs are utilised in cancer, facilitating both local tumour invasion and metastasis. Levels of certain MMPs such as stromelysin-3 and gelatinase are elevated in tumour-associated stroma compared to non-involved tissue. *(Does the mention of gelatinase here mean that British Biotech is also working on gelatinase inhibitors? What does Marimistat target?)* A series of synthetic low molecular weight MMP inhibitors have been produced. Early inhibitors were based on the peptide structure of collagen, although more recently non-peptide inhibitors have also been developed. The inhibitors are selective for the MMP family and are active at low nanomolar concentrations. Experiments in models of breast cancer have shown that MMP inhibitors can significantly reduce the growth rate of both primary and secondary tumours, and can block the process of metastasis. Several MMP inhibitors have now started clinical trials in patients with advanced malignancy. Although not the optimum setting for a tumouristatic agent, early results suggest this approach may be effective in slowing tumour growth. Trials in the adjuvant setting will provide the most important test of these inhibitors and should determine their potential to complement existing cytoreductive treatments and prolong survival.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10066077, UI: 99163960

7: Drugs R D 1999 Feb;1(2):117-29

Clinical potential of matrix metalloprotease inhibitors.

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Theradex, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, USA.

*(If this drug company is not a drug company, these authors may be good interview candidates? I should internet search this company.)*

The mature extracellular matrix (ECM) is a heterogenous substance produced by a variety of

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cells, mostly of mesothelial origin. The ECM serves as a tissue skeleton, a medium of communication between cells and as a barrier between the cells and the vascular system. The matrix is continuously remodelled in the living tissues. A variety of proteases, including matrix metalloproteases (MMPs), contribute to matrix destruction. These proteases are neutralised by naturally occurring inhibitors such as alpha 2-macroglobulin or tissue inhibitors of metalloproteases (TIMPs). Proteases and their inhibitors are often produced by the same cells, thus matrix remodelling is localised and strictly controlled. The MMPs are zinc-endopeptidases functioning at a neutral pH and requiring ionised calcium for activity. The extracellular matrix is an essential part of every organ and tissue type. MMPs are the key components of the system that dynamically controls the structure and function of the ECM. MMPs have been implicated in corneal disease, periodontal disease, dermatological disorders, atherosclerosis, bone and joint disorders, fibrotic disease, vascular abnormalities, malignancy and many other pathological processes. Several synthetic inhibitors of MMPs have been developed and many of them are currently in clinical trials. Compounds discussed in this article include batismastat, marimastat, BAY12-9566, AG-3340, OPB-3206, KBR-7785, KBR-8301, CDP-845 (CT-1746), metastat and AE-941 (Neovastat). *(They seem to be knowledgeable about a number of compounds.)*

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10566004, UI: 20032438

Sample articles on farnesyltransferase inhibitors

1: Eur J Cancer 1999 Sep;35(9):1394-401

Effect of novel CAAX peptidomimetic farnesyltransferase inhibitor on angiogenesis in vitro and in vivo.

Gu WZ, Tahir SK, Wang YC, Zhang HC, Cherian SP, O'Connor S, Leal JA, Rosenberg SH, Ng SC. Abbott Laboratories, Department 4N6 AP9/2, Abbott Park, Illinois, USA.

Ras oncogenes can contribute to tumour development by stimulating vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-dependent angiogenesis. The effect of Ras on angiogenesis may be affected by farnesyltransferase inhibitors (FTI) since farnesylation of Ras is required for its biological activity. In this paper we evaluated the effect of A-170634, a novel and potent CAAX FTI on angiogenesis. *(This is not the one that Abbott abandoned which was ABT 839. What is the status of this one? Which inhibitors does Abbott have the rights to?)* Human umbilical vein endothelial cell (HUVEC) tube formation and VEGF secretion were used to assess the effect of A-170634 on angiogenesis in vitro. In vivo, nude mice were injected with the K-ras mutant colon carcinoma cell line HCT116 and treated subcutaneously with A-170634 using osmotic minipump infusion for 10 days. The effect of A-170634 on corneal angiogenesis in vivo was

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assessed using pellets containing hydron, VEGF, A-170634 or vehicle. In vitro, A-170634 selectively inhibited farnesyltransferase activity over the closely related geranylgeranyltransferase I, inhibited Ras processing, blocked anchorage-dependent and -independent growth of HCT116 K-ras mutated cells, decreased HUVEC capillary structure formation, decreased VEGF secretion from tumour cells and HUVEC growth stimulating activity in a dose-dependent manner. In vivo, tumour growth was decreased by 30% and vascularisation in and around the tumours was reduced by 41% following drug-treatment with no apparent toxicity to the animals. VEGF-induced corneal neovascularisation was reduced by 80% following A-170634 treatment for 7 days. The data presented here demonstrated that A-170634 was a potent and selective peptidomimetic CAAX FTI with anti-angiogenic properties. *(Are all Abbott's inhibitors peptidomimetics? What is their estimated molecular weight and production cost?)* These results implied that A-170634 may affect tumour growth in vivo by one or more antitumour pathways. PMID: 10658533, UI: 20123003

5: Oncogene 1998 Sep 17;17(11 Reviews):1439-45

Non-Ras targets of farnesyltransferase inhibitors: focus on Rho.

Lebowitz PF, Prendergast GC

*(a good interview candidate, but Prendergast is with DuPont. Maybe interview Lebowitz.)*

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Farnesyltransferase inhibitors (FTIs) are a novel class of cancer therapeutics whose development was based on the discovery that the function of oncogenic Ras depends upon its posttranslational farnesylation. Significantly, experiments in animal models have shown that FTIs have promise as nontoxic cancer therapeutics. However, cell biological studies have suggested that FTIs may act at a level beyond that of suppressing Ras function, so the exact mechanism of action has emerged as a question of major interest. Here, we review evidence that proteins other than Ras are important targets for inhibition, summarize findings suggesting a role for farnesylated Rho proteins prompted by studies on RhoB, and suggest a new model for how FTIs exert their biological effects. The 'FTI-Rho hypothesis' proposes that FTIs act in part by altering Rho-dependent cell adhesion signals which are linked to pathways controlling cell cycle and cell survival and which are subverted or defective in neoplastic cells. This model offers a novel framework for addressing the questions about FTI biology, including the basis for lack of toxicity to normal cells, cytotoxic versus cytostatic effects on tumor cells, and the persistence and drug resistance of malignant cells in FTI-treated animals. *(Lack of toxicity to normal cells is significant. Does this potentially make FTI's potentially much better than MMPI's?)*

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*(good interview candidate)*

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Ras proteins are guanine nucleotide-binding proteins that play pivotal roles in the control of normal and transformed cell growth and are among the most intensively studied proteins of the past decade. After stimulation by various growth factors and cytokines, Ras activates several downstream effectors, including the Raf-1/mitogen-activated protein kinase pathway and the Rac/Rho pathway. In approximately 30% of human cancers, including a substantial proportion of pancreatic and colon adenocarcinomas, mutated ras genes produce mutated proteins that remain locked in an active state, thereby relaying uncontrolled proliferative signals. Ras undergoes several posttranslational modifications that facilitate its attachment to the inner surface of the plasma membrane. The first-and most critical-modification is the addition of a farnesyl isoprenoid moiety in a reaction catalyzed by the enzyme protein farnesyltransferase (FTase). It follows that inhibiting FTase would prevent Ras from maturing into its biologically active form, and FTase is of considerable interest as a potential therapeutic target. Different classes of Ftase inhibitors have been identified that block farnesylation of Ras, reverse Ras-mediated cell transformation in human cell lines, and inhibit the growth of human tumor cells in nude mice. In transgenic mice with established tumors, Ftase inhibitors cause regression in some tumors, which appears to be mediated through both apoptosis and cell cycle regulation. FTase inhibitors have been well tolerated in animal studies and do not produce the generalized cytotoxic effects in normal tissues that are a major limitation of most conventional anticancer agents. There are ongoing clinical evaluations of FTase inhibitors to determine the feasibility of administering them on dose schedules like those that portend optimal therapeutic indices in preclinical studies. Because of the unique biologic aspects of FTase, designing disease-directed phase II and III evaluations of their effectiveness presents formidable challenges. Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10550163, UI: 20018280

Sample articles on urokinase inhibitors

1: Am Surg 2000 May;66(5):460-4

Suppression of the invasive capacity of human breast cancer cells by inhibition of urokinase plasminogen activator via amiloride and B428.

Evans DM, Sloan-Stakleff K., Calhoun Research Laboratory, Akron General Medical Systems, Ohio 44307, USA.

Inhibition of urokinase plasminogen activator (uPA) has been shown to suppress cancer cell invasion and metastasis in the laboratory setting by numerous investigators. (This year 2000 assessment agrees with Abbott's assessment, that all are preclinical.) Most studies have used murine cell lines implanted in syngeneic rodents or transfected human cell lines grown in

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immunocompromised laboratory hosts. In this study using Matrigel invasion chambers and two separate uPA inhibitors, amiloride and B428, the invasive capacity of unaltered human breast cancer cells was significantly suppressed. Cell proliferation was also suppressed to a lesser degree. These findings suggest that uPA inhibition may be a valid clinical approach to the control of the invasion and metastasis of human cancers.

PMID: 10824746, UI: 20282860

2: Vestn Ross Akad Med Nauk 1999;(8):58-61

[The clinical prospects for the study of the plasminogen activation system in breast cancer].

[Article in Russian]

Gershtein ES, Kushlinskii NE

Urokinase-type plasminogen activator (UPA) which is a serine protease may play a key role in the processes of tumor invasion and metastasis since it converts plasminogen to plasmin and initiates a cascade of proteolytic events that lead to the degradation of extracellular matrix. (Are there any other steps in the cascade that would make for good targets?) Experiments have demonstrated that some other components, except UPA itself, can be very important in this process, including UPA receptor (UPAR) and UPA inhibitors PAI-1 and PAI-2. All these proteins are present either in the tumor cells or in the tumor-infiltrating macrophages and stromal elements, and by acting in concert, they provide a feed-back-regulated mechanism of plasmin activation and amplification. Clinical retrospective studies using predominantly ELISA techniques have shown that the high levels of UPA, PAI-1 and UPAR in the tumor tissue are associated with poor prognosis both for overall and for disease-free survival of breast cancer patients, and the elevated level of PAI-2 may be indicative of better survival. UPA and PAI-1 are now regarded as rather potent independent predictors in breast cancer. Further clinical prospects of investigations and application of the components of the plasminogen activation system are discussed. Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 11**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 556**



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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2000 10:17 AM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Rest of research summaries

Steve,

I am back in town.

Attached to this fax are summaries of literature searches and questions for:

- \*\* ABT-980 (BPH)
- \*\* A-254751 (cancer, cytotoxic drug)
- \*\* ABT-594 (neuropathic pain)

I think now you have a complete set of summaries. If you are missing something, let me know as they are all done.

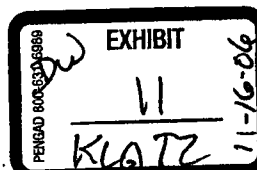
For ABT-980, there are really no surprises. Of course, there are always some questions.

For A-254751 and ABT-594 there are questions, in my mind, about whether they will complete clinical trials. This makes it even more important that we see a summary of the latest clinical trial data.

Let's discuss when you have time.

I am in the process of getting contact information for the interviews. I hope to have my assistant do this in the next few days. Then I will start interviewing, after I look over the questions one more time.

- Lynn



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### **Abbott's Neuropathic Pain Agonist (ABT-594)**

file: abbott-neuropathic

#### Potential interviewee's for ABT-594

No potential interviewees yet identified, I will search MedLine under "neuropathic pain AND therapy."

#### Questions for experts on neuropathic pain

There are a number of adjuvant analgesics in clinical development that could compete with nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists. Some examples are pregabalin (Parke-Davis) in Phase III trials, GV196771 (Glaxo) in Phase II, mianserine (Merz) in Phase II, which of these--or others that you know of--show special promise for neuropathic pain?

A variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidiny methoxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) appear to possess significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. Are any of these in clinical trials? Are any especially promising? How do nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists stack up against the other kinds of drug candidates (above)?

It has been reported that some of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists have a small therapeutic window, which I'll define here as:

(conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy)

What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers?

It seems to me that for pain relievers, where a patient might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient? Comment. What size of therapeutic window does the FDA look for in pain medications?

#### Questions for Abbott on ABT-594 and its competition

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According to one of your own publications, a variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidiny methoxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) possesses significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. You do not list any of these as being in clinical trials. Will any enter trials? Do you see any as competitors?

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It has been reported that some of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists have a small therapeutic window, which I'll define here as:

(conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy)

What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers? Is there something about diabetic pain that would allow for a small therapeutic window? ABT-594 appears to have a therapeutic window of only two to three (Abbott memorandum p.5). It seems to me that for pain relievers, where patients might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient? Comment. (Abbott is in Phase IIb clinical trials, which is an indicator of safety but not therapeutic window.) What size of therapeutic window does the FDA look for in pain medications?

A Merck study claims that in rats "ABT-594 did not cause rotarod impairment at antinociceptive doses but did cause hypothermia and life-threatening adverse effects including seizures." This study also says its results suggest "ABT-594 has nicotine-like dependence liability....These findings indicate that the acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics." Also, Novartis finds in rats that "ABT-594 dose-dependently increased tail flick latencies but only at doses that also disrupted performance in the rotarod test" What does Abbott have to say about these conclusions which indicate (significant?) side-effects at concentrations of use?

It should be noted that animal studies are all studies of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, eg. heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by nerve injury). Are there often differences in the effects of analgesics in the two tests? Are there any animal tests to measure effects on neuropathic pain?

Novartis also claims "In all tests, (+)-epibatidine was significantly more potent than ABT-594." According to Abbott, ABT-594 is as efficacious as (+)-epibatidine, which is too toxic for use .)

#### Example abstracts

1: Pain 2000 Apr;85(3):443-50

Analgesic and toxic effects of ABT-594 resemble epibatidine and nicotine in rats.  
Boyce S, Webb JK, Shephard SL, Russell MG, Hill RG, Rupniak NM  
Merck Sharp and Dohme Research Laboratories, Neuroscience Research Centre,  
Terlings Park, Eastwick Road, Harlow, UK. susan\_boyce@merck.com  
(Why is Merck publishing on an Abbott drug?)

The present study directly compared the antinociceptive and toxic effects of the neuronal nicotinic receptor agonist ABT-594 (It is an agonist, not an antagonist) ((R)-5-(2-azetidylmethoxy)-2-chloropyridine) with (-)-nicotine and (+)-epibatidine. Like (-)-nicotine (0.8 and 1.6 mg/kg s.c.) and (+)-epibatidine (0.005 and 0.01 mg/kg s.c.), ABT-594 (0.05 and 0.1 mg/kg s.c.) increased response latencies in the hot-plate test in rats, indicating that it has antinociceptive activity. In contrast to (-)-nicotine and (+)-epibatidine, ABT-594 did not

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cause rotarod impairment at antinociceptive doses but did cause hypothermia and life-threatening adverse effects including seizures. *(Merck claims ABT-594 causes life-threatening seizures in rats. What is Abbott's response?)* ABT-594 (0.01 and 0.1 mg/kg i.v.) also produced a dose-dependent increase in blood pressure resembling that observed with (-)-nicotine (0.03, 0.1 and 0.03 mg/kg i.v.) and (+)-epibatidine (0.001 and 0.003 mg/kg i.v.). Both the antinociceptive and toxic effects (convulsions and hypertension) were abolished by pretreatment with the brain penetrant neuronal nAChR antagonist mecamylamine (1 mg/kg s.c.; i.v. for cardiovascular studies), demonstrating that these actions of ABT-594 were mediated via activation of neuronal nicotinic receptors. Continuous infusion of ABT-594 (0.2 mg/kg per day s.c.) to rats for 7 days followed by challenge with mecamylamine (1 mg/kg i.p.) induced a nicotine-like abstinence syndrome suggesting that ABT-594 has nicotine-like dependence liability. These findings indicate that the acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics. *("other nicotinic analgesics" indicates that ABT-594 is not alone. Are others on the market?) (What does Merck have to say about these conclusions? It should be noted that this is a study of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, e.g. heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by nerve injury).*

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4: Biochem Pharmacol 1999 Sep 15;58(6):917-23

Therapeutic potential of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists as novel analgesics. *(Abbott calls these novel analgesics; in contrast to the Merck article which states "acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics.")*

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Pharmacological treatments for pain have come largely from two classes of compounds--the opioids and the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Because of deficiencies associated with these two classes of compounds, exploration of novel approaches to pain relief has intensified of late. Nicotine, a neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) agonist, has long been known to have antinociceptive effects in both experimental animals and humans. The relatively modest antinociceptive effects and the toxicities associated with nicotine preclude its development as an analgesic agent. However, recent discoveries in the nAChR field have stimulated interest in nAChR-targeted compounds as potential analgesic agents. Epibatidine, a potent nAChR agonist, was found to have full efficacy relative to opioids in preclinical pain models. Although epibatidine is toxic, these observations demonstrated that modest efficacy is not a general limitation of nAChR agonists. Moreover, exploration of the molecular biology of nAChRs revealed evidence of receptor diversity, suggesting that nAChR subtype-selective agents less toxic than nicotine might be discovered; and early medicinal chemistry efforts already have resulted in compounds with improved safety profiles. For example, ABT-594 is a nAChR agonist with the antinociceptive efficacy of epibatidine, but with an improved safety profile. *(With a therapeutic window of only 2, [Abbott memorandum p. ---], is the safety profile improved enough for FDA approval? Abbott is in Phase IIb, which is an indicator of safety. For pain relievers, which might be abused by people in pain, is a therapeutic window of 2 enough?)* This commentary reviews recent findings with nAChR-targeted compounds, explores potential mechanisms responsible for nAChR-mediated antinociception, and raises issues that must be

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addressed in developing compounds of this class as analgesics.

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Review

Review, tutorial

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### **Abbott's Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia Drug (ABT-980)**

file: abbott-bph (abbott-b.wpd)

#### Potential interviewee's for ABT-980

Alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.  
Cooper KL, McKiernan JM, Kaplan SA  
Department of Urology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University,  
New York, New York, USA.  
(potential interview candidates)

Beduschi MC, Beduschi R, Oesterling JE  
Section of Urology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.  
(Good interview candidates)

Lepor H  
Department of Urology, New York University Medical Center, New York 10016, USA.  
(possible interview candidate, but may be working with company marketing tamsulosin)

#### Questions for experts in BPH

*Note to help orient discussion:* "The development of alpha-adrenergic blocking agents, [has proceeded] from nonselective alpha-antagonists, to selective alpha1-antagonists, to the more selective alpha1A-antagonists. It is anticipated that more specific agents will optimize the therapeutic effectiveness of alpha-adrenergic blockade in the prostate while reducing the side effects associated with alpha-adrenergic blockade in other areas of the body, such as the vascular system."

Recently, efforts have focused on use of alpha1A-urospecific antagonists such as tamsulosin, alfuzosin, and Abbott-980 in an attempt to achieve similar clinical results as doxazosin and terazosin without systemic adverse effects. Are these alpha1A selective drugs expected to be significantly superior to the older drugs? Why? Are all these drugs structurally different and what is the implication regarding toxicity, potency and pharmacokinetics?

How significant a difference is there in urinary flow rates between the older drugs terazosin, finasteride, etc. and the new selective drugs like Tamsulosin. If there is not much difference, why is Tamsulosin use increasing so rapidly? Is it because there is a significant difference of adverse effects with the selective alpha1a-adrenoceptor antagonists?

One review article states "controversy remains as to whether prostatic smooth muscle contraction is mediated by the alpha1A-adrenoceptor, or by another novel alpha1-adrenoceptor subtype (not corresponding to any of the three known recombinant alpha1-adrenoceptors)." This

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indicates there could be a better target, as yet undiscovered. What is your view on this?

One literature study refers to a patient population that is responsive to alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists. Does this mean there is a subgroup of patients that don't respond to BPH drugs targeted to alpha1-adrenoceptor? How big is this subgroup?

How would you compare the drugs in clinical trials Dutasteride, Xatra (alfuzosin), HP-4, ABT-980, KMD-3213? Which is most promising? Least promising? Why? Am I missing any promising ones.

Yamanouchi/Glaxo's Phase III drug duasteride is a 5alpha-reductase inhibitor. What are the advantages/disadvantages of this target versus alpha1A-adrenoceptor targeted drugs? Could one advantage be that there are less enzyme targets than membrane receptor targets, so that an enzyme inhibitor could be used in much lesser concentrations?

#### Questions for Abbott on ABT-980 and competition

In a Chinese literature study comparing a selective (tamsulosin) and non-selective (terazosin) alpha 1-adrenoceptor antagonists, Tamsulosin showed better results in maximum urinary flow rate (Qmax), and average urinary flow rate (AFR). But the results, in my opinion, were not dramatically different. What are Abbott's comparative results between uroselective ABT 980 and non uroselective drugs?

How significant a difference is there in urinary flow rates between the older drugs terazosin, finasteride, etc. and the new selective drugs like Tamsulosin. If there is not much difference why is Tamsulosin use increasing so rapidly? Is it because there is a significant difference of adverse effects with the selective alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists? What is the adverse effect profile for ABT-980 compared with competitors?

One literature study refers to a patient population that is responsive to alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists. Does this mean there is a subgroup of patients that don't respond to BPH drugs targeted to alpha1-adrenoceptor? How big is this subgroup?

One review article states "controversy remains as to whether prostatic smooth muscle contraction is mediated by the alpha1A-adrenoceptor, or by another novel alpha1-adrenoceptor subtype (not corresponding to any of the three known recombinant alpha1-adrenoceptors)." This indicates there could be a better target, as yet undiscovered.

Another 1999 review states, "long term studies must be done to determine whether pharmacological uroselectivity is actually clinically relevant." What is the meaning of this cautionary note?

Is Tamsulosin (Flomax) a Merck drug? If not does Merck have a drug for BPH in clinical trials?

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Is Abbott aware of KMD-3213, the Kissei Pharmaceutical Co drug? They claim it is more uroselective and longer lasting than tamsulosin.

Like Abbott's 980, both Tamsulosin and Alfuzosin (Xatral) which is Synthelabo's drug in Phase II trials, are also  $\alpha_1A$ -urospecific antagonists. What are the advantages, disadvantages with respect to ABT-980? Is the main advantage the 156/1 1a vs 1b receptor selectivity ratio? How does this selectivity reflect itself at the patient level? Is Abbott 980, structurally different enough, so there will be no patent issues?

Additionally, Yamanouchi/Glaxo's Phase III drug duasteride is a 5 $\alpha$ -reductase inhibitor. What are the advantages/disadvantages of this target?

#### Example articles

Drugs 1999 Jan;57(1):9-17

Alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.

Cooper KL, McKiernan JM, Kaplan SA

Department of Urology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, New York, USA.

*(potential interview candidates)*

Lower urinary tract symptoms secondary to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) have a significant impact on the lifestyle of older men. Transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) is the most effective surgical therapy for this condition but an increasing number of patients are electing conservative medical therapy. Alpha-Adrenoceptor antagonists and 5 $\alpha$ -reductase inhibitors are the 2 categories of drug therapy currently available for BPH. *(Yamanouchi/Glaxo's Phase III drug duasteride is a 5- $\alpha$  drug. What are the advantages/disadvantages of this target? Use of alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists in the treatment of BPH is based on their ability to prevent the neural stimulation which induces prostate smooth muscle contraction, producing lower urinary tract symptoms. Several studies have demonstrated that alpha-receptors predominate in the prostatic stroma, capsule and bladder neck. Initial work focused on the use of phenoxybenzamine, a nonspecific alpha-blocker, in the treatment of BPH. While results were promising, significant adverse effects and concern over potential mutagenicity have resulted in a lack of use of this medication for this indication. Subsequent attention was directed towards the short-acting alpha-specific antagonist prazosin. Results conflicted regarding whether an actual sustained improvement in lower urinary tract symptoms could be achieved with this medication, and because of twice daily dosing compliance issues were a drawback. Thus, the mainstay in pharmacological treatment of BPH over the past decade has been 2 once-a-day alpha-specific antagonists, doxazosin and terazosin. Over 75% of all prescriptions written for BPH are for one of these 2 medications. Despite their tremendous success in both decreasing urinary symptoms and increasing urinary flow rates, systemic adverse effects can be bothersome. Recently, efforts have focused on use of  $\alpha_1A$ -urospecific antagonists such as tamsulosin and alfuzosin in an attempt to achieve similar clinical results as doxazosin and terazosin without systemic adverse effects. *(Alfuzosin (Xatral) is Synthelabo's drug in Phase II. What are its advantages, disadvantages with respect to ABT-980? )* Thus far, results are promising, but long term studies*

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must be done to determine whether pharmacological uroselectivity is actually clinically relevant.  
(What is the meaning of this cautionary note?)

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Review, tutorial

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9: Urology 1998 Jun;51(6):861-72

Alpha-blockade therapy for benign prostatic hyperplasia: from a nonselective to a more selective alpha1A-adrenergic antagonist.

Beduschi MC, Beduschi R, Oesterling JE

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(Good interview candidates)

Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is very common in older men, causing symptoms that can markedly impair quality of life. Surgical treatment, typically transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP), is highly effective but can be costly and is associated with the risk for significant morbidity. Medical treatments for BPH are targeted toward reducing bladder outlet obstruction either by androgen blockade to reduce prostatic volume or alpha-adrenergic blockade to relax the smooth muscle tone of the prostate. In recent years, understanding of the sympathetic innervation of the prostate has improved. This has been paralleled by the development of alpha-adrenergic blocking agents, from nonselective alpha-antagonists, to selective alpha1-antagonists, to the more selective alpha1A-antagonists. It is anticipated that more specific agents will optimize the therapeutic effectiveness of alpha-adrenergic blockade in the prostate while reducing the side effects associated with alpha-adrenergic blockade in other areas of the body, such as the vascular system. This article reviews the evolution of alpha-blockade therapy in management of BPH, focusing on tamsulosin, an agent targeted toward the alpha1A-adrenoceptor that predominates in the prostate. Clinical trials in Europe and the United States have provided evidence that tamsulosin is effective at doses of 0.4 and 0.8 mg/day. At both doses, tamsulosin is associated with significant improvements in the American Urological Association symptom score and the mean and peak urinary flow rates as compared with placebo. This once-daily alpha1A-adrenergic antagonist is well-tolerated, with a minimal potential for the side effects associated with alphas-blocker therapy.

Publication Types:

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5: Eur Urol 1999;36 Suppl 1:17-22

Adrenoceptor pharmacology: urogenital applications.

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Although the selective alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists were initially developed as antihypertensive drugs, and they are still utilized for this indication, the alpha1-adrenoceptor

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blockers are now used extensively for the symptomatic treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). As a result, a number of new drugs in this class have been specifically developed for use in BPH. The utility of alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists in BPH derives from the observation, made several decades ago, that the irreversible, alpha1- adrenoceptor selective antagonist phenoxybenzamine, blocked the contractile activity of norepinephrine in isolated strips of rat or human prostate. Following the further subclassification of alpha1-adrenoceptors into the alpha1A-, alpha1B- and alpha1D-adrenoceptor subtypes, the relationship between subtype selectivity and efficacy in BPH has been investigated in the hope of developing more selective drugs for the treatment of this disorder. Molecular characterization of the adrenoceptor population in human prostate clearly shows the alpha1A-adrenoceptor subtype to predominate, and highly selective alpha1A-adrenoceptor antagonists have been identified and investigated in BPH. However, controversy remains as to whether prostatic smooth muscle contraction is mediated by the alpha1A-adrenoceptor, or by another novel alpha1-adrenoceptor subtype (not corresponding to any of the three known recombinant alpha1-adrenoceptors), or both. *(This indicates there could be a better target, as yet undiscovered. Does SmithKline Beecham have anything in the pipeline? )* Alpha1-Adrenoceptor agonists have been used clinically for the treatment of stress incontinence, acting to increase urethral tone by contracting urethral smooth muscle. Research efforts are ongoing to identify agents of this class having a selective action on urethral versus vascular smooth muscle, in order to produce a greater effect on the urethra without producing dose-limiting increases in blood pressure. Local administration of vascular smooth muscle relaxants, either alone or in combination, has been used for the treatment of erectile dysfunction. An alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonist is often used as one component in such mixtures, which act to relax trabecular smooth muscle. The recent demonstration that a systemically administered drug can produce a sufficiently selective action on cavernosal smooth muscle to allow efficacy without producing limiting systemic side effects has renewed interest in the possibility of systemic administration of alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists for this indication.

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### **Abbott's Colchicine Site Binding Drug (A-254751)**

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(Good interview candidates.)

#### Questions for experts in microtubulin-destabilizing cytotoxic cancer therapies cancer

There are a number of colchicine-site binding agents in preclinical and in clinical trials. Some that we have identified are: combretastatin-A4 (Oxigene), T138607 and T900607 (Tularik), Amphetamine (ICI), 1069C (Wellcome), trimethylcholinic acid (NIH), A-254751 (Abbott), indanocene, tricyclic pyrones, H-10, curacin A,. Are you familiar with some of these? Do any stand out as especially promising?

What is the theoretical reason for targeting the colchicine site?

There are also a number of Vinca-alkaloid site ligands in development, which I believe are also antimitotic agents. Do both types block tubulin formation? Are there any perceived advantages/disadvantages to each target?

The Parke Davis drug, CI-980, was just abandoned in Phase II clinical trials. Since it was in Phase II, was lack of efficacy reason for abandonment, or the dose-limiting toxicities seen in Phase I? A number of other colchicine-site drugs have also been abandoned in clinical trials, and I believe none have made it to market? Since all target the colchicine-binding site, could most of the new drugs also suffer the same clinical trial fate. Put another way, what does this say about the prospects for colchicine binding drugs in general?

One drug, the antimitotic H10 is described as a bifunctional anticancer drug: antimitotic and also blocks the cellular transport of to inhibit DNA synthesis. Bifunctionality is perhaps an interesting observation, but is it clinically significant?

A study by Ajinomoto indicated that some tubulin binding agents also exhibit cytostatic antivascular effects. Also, a UCSD study on indanocene states that it is both a cytostatic and

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cytotoxic agent. Are the antivasular effects due to tubulin binding of fast-growing vasculature at the tumor site, and so are to be expected with all tubulin binding agents?

Questions for Abbott on A-254751 and its competition

The colchicine binding agent, Indanocene, was identified by the National Cancer Institute's Developmental Therapeutics Program as a promising colchicine-site binding agent, which is active in MDR cells. It seems to have the same properties as A-254751? Has anyone licensed from NCI, or is this A254751? How do you view its prospects?

A study by Ajinomoto indicated that some tubulin binding agents also exhibit cystostatic antivasular effects. Also, a UCSD study on Indanocene states that it is both a cytostatic and cytotoxic agent. Does A-254751 exert antivasular effects too? Are the antivasular effects due to tubulin binding of fast-growing vasculature at the tumor site?

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Example abstracts

3: Anticancer Drugs 1998 Jun;9(5):405-9

Phase II study of i.v. CI-980 in patients with advanced platinum refractory epithelial ovarian carcinoma.

Kudelka AP, Hasenburger A, Verschraegen CF, Edwards CL, Meyers CA, Varma D, Freedman RS, Forman A, Conrad CA, Grove W, Grothey A, Kavanagh JJ  
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston 77030-4095, USA.

CI-980 is a synthetic mitotic inhibitor that binds to tubulin at the colchicine site, inhibiting the polymerization of microtubules and arresting cellular division in metaphase. Myelosuppression and neurotoxicity were dose-limiting in phase I studies. *(CI-980 is the Parke Davis drug just abandoned in Phase II clinical trials. Since it was in Phase II, was lack of efficacy reason for abandonment, or the dose-limiting toxicities seen in Phase I? A number of other colchicine binding drugs have also been abandoned in clinical trials and none have made it to market? Since the mechanism of CI-980 and the other abandoned drugs is the same as the preclinical A-*

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*254751, couldn't A-254751 suffer the same fate. Abbott is already anticipating vasoconstriction risk in humans from its studies in dogs. Why does Abbott think it will not suffer the same fate in human trials? )* Sixteen patients with stage III and IV platinum-refractory ovarian cancer received 4.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day of CI-980 as a continuous i.v. infusion for 72 h, repeated every 3 weeks. Eleven patients had progression and four patients had stable disease. One patient (6%; 95% CI 0-25%) achieved a partial response after 9 months of treatment which lasted for 27 months. The overall median survival was 7 months. Grade 4 granulocytopenia occurred in five patients, with two episodes of neutropenic fever. Neurological toxicity was mild with 12 episodes of transient subclinical recent memory loss documented in four patients by specialized neuropsychological evaluations. One patient each had hallucinations and mild truncal ataxia, and four patients had mild, reversible neurosensory toxicity. One episode of severe hypoxemia and dyspnea occurred in a patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. CI-980 has minimal activity and is tolerable in a population of heavily pretreated patients with platinum refractory ovarian cancer. *(As this is a Phase II trial, the minimal efficacy here may be the reason for abandonment. What does this say about the prospects for colchicine binding drugs in general?)*

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 12**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 559**

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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2000 6:42 PM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** First neuropathic pain interview

I got my five minute interview with Mitchell Max of NIH (see attached). I actually got all my key questioned answered. The bottom line is that all drugs for neuropathic pain are mediocre. The questions now are whether the Parke-Davis drug is much, much better than Abbotts, and why have both Merck and Novartis bad-mouthed Abbott?

--Lynn



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**Mitchell Max interview on diabetic neuropathic pain medications**

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Dr. Max is the senior author on a recent article entitled "High-dose Oral Dextromethorphan Versus Placebo in Painful Diabetic Neuropathy and Postherpetic Neuralgia." The article reported the results of a human clinical trial.

**Interview**

The interview summary below was typed from handwritten notes and memory shortly after the interview, and is therefore subject to error in details normal to this process. Some of the interview has been rearranged for clarity. The interviewers comments and questions are in italics, Dr. Max's comments in normal type. This interview summary should remain **confidential** within John Hancock, as I did not ask if it could be disseminated beyond Hancock. Additionally, Dr. Max has had no chance to comment and correct the summaries.

*There are a number of adjuvant analgesics in clinical development. Some examples are pregabalin (Parke-Davis) in Phase III trials, GV196771 (Glaxo) in Phase II, mamantine (Merz) in Phase II, ABT-924 (Abbott) which of these--or others that you know of--show special promise for neuropathic pain? Which appear to be unpromising?*

The word on the street is that pregabalin appears to be especially promising. It works as well as gabapentin and is safe. I don't know about the Glaxo one. Mamantine looks terrible. ABT-924 nobody really knows yet as Abbott has been rather quiet about it. It looked good in mouse studies, but that may not say much about humans.

*I just read two recent abstracts that kind of bad-mouthed ABT-924. They were mouse studies.*

Well, then I guess I just don't know.

*Some literature studies indicate that some neuropathic pain relievers have small therapeutic windows, which I'll define here as (conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy). What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers? It seems to me that for pain relievers, where a patient might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient?*

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For chronic pain medications you just don't have good therapeutic windows. If you get a 25% relief in pain but you are dizzy and can't drive, that might be acceptable. A therapeutic window of two is certainly acceptable.

*How do nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists stack up against other approaches? For example, in one of your recent papers you studied an N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist and found it to be promising in low doses.*

All approaches are mediocre.

*So even a somewhat toxic neuropathic pain medication can get through the FDA as long as it is slightly better than existing ones?*

Yes

*Thanks for your time, for a very short interview it was certainly informative.*

Additional questions for Abbott from what was learned from this interview:

Experts in neuropathic pain point to pregabalin (Parke-Davis, in Phase III trials) as being especially promising. It works as well as gabapentin and is safe. How does ABT-924 stack up against pregabalin? Since pregabalin will likely finish clinical trials before ABT-924, if it is approved is there some chance that it might prevent the approval of ABT-924 if ABT-924 is not significantly better?

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## **D'S EXHIBIT 561**

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2000 8:44 PM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Questions for Abbott

This list of questions can still be culled. Look it over to see if there are a few we can eliminate. If in the end, we e-mail them to Abbott, I would like to proof-read them one more time.

--Lynn



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## Questions for Abbott

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The questions for various basket drugs are organized as follows: All the non cancer drugs, then all the cancer drugs because they have some commonalities. Cytostatic therapy comes before the highly promising endothelin antagonist (ABT-627) which is the last to be discussed simply because the discussion of cytostatic therapies in general lays the ground work for discussion of ABT-627.

### ABT-773, ketolide antibiotic for bacteria resistant to antibiotics

To attain a \$1 billion market for a ketolide antibiotic as Aventis predicts (and you also predict), one of the experts we interviewed thought that two things must happen. It must unseat erythromycin, and it must out compete the new fluoroquinolones which are going after the same market. Do you agree with that assessment? If so, how do you see the marketing develop for ABT-773?

Your Phase II clinical data indicates a 92% effectiveness (overall eradication) against *H. Influenzae*. How does this compare to erythromycin? If this indicates that ABT-773 is more effective than erythromycin against *H. Influenzae*, how do you see that affecting market size? Can you break down the increase in market for us.

One expert stated that ketolides have a limited range of bacterial-species activity, which will probably limit their usefulness to respiratory infections. While respiratory infections (sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia) are a very large market, do your market estimates include other large markets? If so, why do you think ABT-773 can serve those markets?

Do you see a competitive threat from the new peptide antibiotics such as Daptinomycin?

Ketolides are related to macrolides, for which several resistance mechanisms exist. Do you expect resistance to develop rapidly from some of the minor macrolide resistance mechanisms, even though ketolides have been designed to circumvent the major efflux and ribosomal methylation mechanisms? If not, why?

### ABT-594, cholinergic channel modulator for diabetic neuropathic pain

Experts in neuropathic pain point to pregabalin (Parke-Davis, Phase III trials) as being especially promising, because it works as well as gabapentin and is safe. How does ABT-924 stack up against pregabalin? Since pregabalin will likely finish clinical trials and approved (if it is approved) before ABT-924. Although measures have been developed, pain relief is subjective, so demonstrating to the FDA that ABT-594 is more efficacious than gabapentin may be difficult. Could the difficulty of providing convincing statistics might prevent the approval of ABT-924?

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One expert stated that all approaches to neuropathic pain are mediocre. Specifically, it has been reported that some of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists have a small therapeutic window, which we'll define here as:

(conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy)

From your descriptive memorandum, ABT-594 appears to have a therapeutic window of only two to three. Is this small therapeutic window acceptable? Has the FDA approved neuropathic pain relievers with such a low therapeutic window?

According to one of your own literature publications, a variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidinylmethoxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) possesses significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. You do not list any of these others as being in clinical trials. Will any enter trials soon? Do you see any as superior, and only behind in development?

A Merck study claims that in rats "ABT-594 did not cause rotarod impairment at antinociceptive doses but did cause hypothermia and life-threatening adverse effects including seizures." This study also says its results suggest "ABT-594 has nicotine-like dependence liability....These findings indicate that the acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics." Also, Novartis finds in rats that "ABT-594 dose-dependently increased tail flick latencies but only at doses that also disrupted performance in the rotarod test" Novartis also claims "In all tests, (+)-epibatidine was significantly more potent than ABT-594." According to Abbott, ABT-594 is as efficacious as (+)-epibatidine, which is too toxic for use. How do you explain the differences between your findings in rodents and humans and the Merck and Novartis findings in rodents.

(Note: Animal studies are all studies of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, e.g., heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by nerve injury). Are there often differences in the effects of analgesics in the two tests? Are there any animal tests to measure effects on neuropathic pain?)

In an Abbott year 2000 study in rats, ABT-627 (the advanced prostate cancer cytostatic and pain drug) was examined for diabetic neuropathy. How does the promise of ABT-627 compare to ABT-594 for neuropathic pain? Are the two drugs structurally related? Is Abbott heading toward clinical trials with ABT-627 for neuropathic pain?

ABT-980, alpha 1a adrenoceptor antagonist for BPH

In a Chinese literature study comparing a selective (tamsulosin, Flomax) and non-selective (terazosin) alpha 1-adrenoceptor antagonists, tamsulosin showed better results in maximum urinary flow rate (Qmax), and average urinary flow rate (AFR). But the results, in our naive opinion, were not dramatically different. For example AFR increased 37.5% for tamsulosin and 25.8% for Flomax. In your experience, how significant a difference is there in urinary flow rates

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between the older drugs terazosin, finasteride, etc., and the new selective drugs like tamsulosin and ABT-980? If there is not much difference, why is tamsulosin use increasing so rapidly? Is it because there is a significant difference of adverse effects with the selective alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists? What is the adverse effect profile for ABT-980 compared with competitors?

One literature study refers to a patient population that is responsive to alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists. Does this mean there is a subgroup of patients that don't respond to BPH drugs targeted to alpha1-adrenoceptor? How big is this subgroup?

*A-254751, tubulin colchicine-site binding drug to inhibit microtubule formation for advanced cancers*

One expert said: of the number of colchicine-site binding agents in preclinical and in clinical trials, combretastatin-A4 (Oxigene, Phase I trials) stands out. He said it is receiving a lot of attention because it is also an antivascular agent. How does A-254751 stack up against combretastatin? How does A-254751 stack up against the many other antimitotic drugs in clinical and preclinical development?

A strikingly large number of colchicine-site drugs have been abandoned in clinical trials. One expert claims the older colchicine-binding drugs failed before they are too toxic. More specifically, the older drugs failed for pharmacokinetic reasons: mainly too long half-lives in the body. He further stated: what one wants are colchicine-binding drugs that get into cells quickly, do their job, and are eliminated from the body quickly. Do you agree with this assessment? What are the pharmacokinetics of A-254751? To what does Abbott attribute its ability to escape MDR?

The same expert says there is one way to increase the probability that a drug will successfully traverse clinical trials—that is to utilize the new sophisticated cell-culture screening capabilities, such as the screening available at the Developmental Therapeutics Program at NCI. For A-254751, has Abbott taken advantage of any of these new cell-culture profiling capabilities? He feels that drugs that do not go through this kind of prescreening may very well fail.

*Cytostatic drugs (except for ABT-627, the endothelin ET-1 antagonist)*

One literature review indicated that approximately thirty angiostatic agents are undergoing clinical trials, with another fifty agents in preclinical testing. This is a crowded field. While Abbott's approaches are clearly competitive, how can Abbott achieve a large market share given the large number of competitors in this area?

One expert tells us that so far the FDA has not wavered from the strict position of improved survival as the criterion for cancer drug approval. This would include longer survival and improved quality of life. They have not yet approved any drug for slower disease progression. Since cytostatic therapies don't kill tumor cells, the use of time to progression of disease seems

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to be the necessary clinical trials measure, What are the problems with this measure? Do you think the difficulty of measuring time to progression, lack of statistically significant evidence of longer survival, and difficulty in determining improved quality-of-life will prolong clinical trials or cause some drugs to fail to get FDA approval? How serious an issue is this?

For any of your cytostatic drugs, have you any data for cost utility = (long-term-cost)/(quality-life-years-saved)? In particular, if there are side-effects, quality-life-years saved may be much less than simply life-years-saved, and cost-utility may be high.

In this regard, metalloproteinase inhibitors are particularly worrisome. One of our experts stated that the metalloproteinase inhibitor BB-94 has "underwhelming" efficacy. It is toxic and causes joint problems. Additionally, one literature study finds that the metalloproteinase inhibitor Marimastat had no survival advantage when compared to chemotherapy with gemcitabine in advanced pancreatic cancer, and Abbott states that Marimastat has dose-limiting joint side-effects. To play devil's advocate, you could argue: Why should the FDA approve a drug that does not prolong a patient's life and at the same time inflicts pain? Could failure for approval of Marimastat make the approval barriers higher for follow-on drugs? What evidence do you have that gelatinase inhibitors like ABT-518 might not have the same FDA approval concerns?

ABT-627, the endothelin ET-1 antagonist

Abbott's internal memorandum describes ABT-627 as a potent vasoconstrictor. Abbott indicated in its internal memorandum that the mechanism of action in prostate cancer wasn't yet known. Additionally, one of our experts said that reducing blood supply to tumor cells was likely not the mechanism by which ABT-627 delays prostate cancer progression, since the cancer metastasizes to bone and is slow growing both indicating there is less need for a good blood supply. What are your latest thoughts about mechanism of action? A competitor who has a better knowledge of mechanism may be in good position to develop a superior drug.

You predict a billion dollar market of A-627, yet its on-the-market competitor Novantrone has only a relatively stagnant market of only \$35 million. Could you break down the potential market for A-627 for us? For which patients would it be prescribed? What percentage and yearly number of prostate cancer patients fall into that category?

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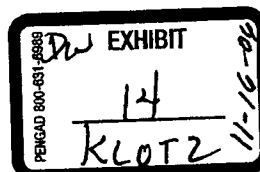
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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2000 8:55 PM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Edit of neuropathic pain summary

I did more searching on the diabetic neuropathic pain situation and found a lot, so I am resending an expanded summary to replace the one I sent earlier. See the attachment.

One interesting abstract I came across indicates that Abbott is trying out its prostate cancer drug on neuropathic pain also (abstract included). This brings up the question whether your royalty rights extend to that indication.

-- Lynn



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### **Abbott's Neuropathic Pain Agonist (ABT-594)**

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#### Potential interviewee's for ABT-594

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Morello CM, Leckband SG, Stoner CP, Moorhouse DF, Sahagian GA

*(good interview candidates)*

Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, Calif 92161, USA.

#### Questions for experts on neuropathic pain

It is my understanding the tricyclic antidepressants, carbamazepine, gabapentin and amitriptyline are widely used in the treatment of neuropathic pain. Are these drugs sufficient for the need?

There are a number of adjuvant analgesics in clinical development that could compete with nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists. Some examples are pregabalin (Parke-Davis) in Phase III trials, GV196771 (Glaxo) in Phase II, mamentine (Merz) in Phase II, which of these--or others that you know of--show special promise for neuropathic pain?

A variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidiny methoxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) appear to possess significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. Are any of these in clinical trials? Are any especially promising? How do nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists stack up against the other kinds of drug candidates (above)?

It has been reported that some of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists have a small therapeutic window, which I'll define here as:

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What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers?

It seems to me that for pain relievers, where a patient might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient? Comment. What size of therapeutic window does the FDA look for in pain medications?

#### Questions for Abbott on ABT-594 and its competition

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According to one of your own publications, a variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidinylmethoxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) possesses significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. You do not list any of these as being in clinical trials. Will any enter trials? Do you see any as competitors?

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(conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy)

What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers? Is there something about diabetic pain that would allow for a small therapeutic window? ABT-594 appears to have a therapeutic window of only two to three (Abbott memorandum p.5). It seems to me that for pain relievers, where patients might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient? Comment. (Abbott is in Phase IIb clinical trials, which is an indicator of safety but not therapeutic window.) What size of therapeutic window does the FDA look for in pain medications?

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It should be noted that animal studies are all studies of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, eg. heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by nerve injury). Are there often differences in the effects of analgesics in the two tests? Are there any animal tests to measure effects on neuropathic pain?

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According to one article tricyclic antidepressants and carbamazepine have become the mainstay in the treatment of neuropathic pain. Abbott does not mention carbamazepine for neuropathic pain. How widely is it used? Sales for that indication?

Several studies indicate that gabapentin, although widely used, does not appear to be the most effective for neuropathic pain. For example in one study, "mean pain score and global pain score data indicated no significant difference between gabapentin and amitriptyline. Gabapentin may be an alternative for treating diabetic peripheral neuropathy pain, yet does not appear to offer considerable advantage over amitriptyline and is more expensive." Why has Abbott identified gabapentin as the drug of choice at present?

#### Example abstracts

1: Pain 2000 Apr;85(3):443-50

Analgesic and toxic effects of ABT-594 resemble epibatidine and nicotine in rats.

Boyce S, Webb JK, Shephard SL, Russell MG, Hill RG, Rupniak NM

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*(Why is Merck publishing on an Abbott drug?)*

The present study directly compared the antinociceptive and toxic effects of the neuronal nicotinic receptor agonist ABT-594 (*It is an agonist, not an antagonist*)

((R)-5-(2-azetidinylmethoxy)-2-chloropyridine) with (-)-nicotine and (+)-epibatidine. Like (-)-nicotine (0.8 and 1.6 mg/kg s.c.) and (+)-epibatidine (0.005 and 0.01 mg/kg s.c.), ABT-594 (0.05 and 0.1 mg/kg s.c.) increased response latencies in the hot-plate test in rats, indicating that it has antinociceptive activity. In contrast to (-)-nicotine and (+)-epibatidine, ABT-594 did not cause rotarod impairment at antinociceptive doses but did cause hypothermia and life-threatening adverse effects including seizures. (*Merck claims ABT-594 causes life-threatening seizures in rats. What is Abbott's response?*) ABT-594 (0.01 and 0.1 mg/kg i.v.) also produced a dose-dependent increase in blood pressure resembling that observed with (-)-nicotine (0.03, 0.1 and 0.03 mg/kg i.v.) and (+)-epibatidine (0.001 and 0.003 mg/kg i.v.). Both the antinociceptive and toxic effects (convulsions and hypertension) were abolished by pretreatment with the brain penetrant neuronal nAChR antagonist mecamylamine (1 mg/kg s.c.; i.v. for cardiovascular studies), demonstrating that these actions of ABT-594 were mediated via activation of neuronal nicotinic receptors. Continuous infusion of ABT-594 (0.2 mg/kg per day s.c.) to rats for 7 days followed by challenge with mecamylamine (1 mg/kg i.p.) induced a nicotine-like abstinence syndrome suggesting that ABT-594 has nicotine-like dependence liability. These findings indicate that the acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics. (*"other nicotinic analgesics" indicates that ABT-594 is not alone. Are others on the market?*) (*What does Merck have to say about these conclusions? It should be noted that this is a study of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, e.g. heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by never injury).*)

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4: Biochem Pharmacol 1999 Sep 15;58(6):917-23

Therapeutic potential of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists as novel analgesics. (Abbott calls these novel analgesics; in contrast to the Merck article which states "acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics.")

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Pharmacological treatments for pain have come largely from two classes of compounds--the opioids and the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Because of deficiencies associated with these two classes of compounds, exploration of novel approaches to pain relief has intensified of late. Nicotine, a neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) agonist, has long been known to have antinociceptive effects in both experimental animals and humans. The relatively modest antinociceptive effects and the toxicities associated with nicotine preclude its development as an analgesic agent. However, recent discoveries in the nAChR field have stimulated interest in nAChR-targeted compounds as potential analgesic agents. Epibatidine, a potent nAChR agonist, was found to have full efficacy relative to opioids in preclinical pain models. Although epibatidine is toxic, these observations demonstrated that modest efficacy is not a general limitation of nAChR agonists. Moreover, exploration of the molecular biology of nAChRs revealed evidence of receptor diversity, suggesting that nAChR subtype-selective agents less toxic than nicotine might be discovered; and early medicinal chemistry efforts already have resulted in compounds with improved safety profiles. For example, ABT-594 is a nAChR agonist with the antinociceptive efficacy of epibatidine, but with an improved safety profile. (With a therapeutic window of only 2, [Abbott memorandum p.---], is the safety profile improved enough for FDA approval? Abbott is in Phase IIb, which is an indicator of safety. For pain relievers, which might be abused by people in pain, is a therapeutic window of 2 enough?) This commentary reviews recent findings with nAChR-targeted compounds, explores potential mechanisms responsible for nAChR-mediated antinociception, and raises issues that must be addressed in developing compounds of this class as analgesics.

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The treatment of neuropathic pain: antidepressants and opioids.

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(Interview candidate)

[Medline record in process]

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this article was to review the positive scientific data on antidepressants and opioids, which are largely confined to randomized controlled trials in two neuropathic pain conditions that have proved to be good models for clinical investigation. These two disorders are postherpetic neuralgia and painful diabetic neuropathy. DESIGN: This is a review of the literature using MEDLINE, CINAHL, and the Cochrane Database. RESULTS: There is extensive literature supporting the use of the older antidepressants such as amitriptyline

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in neuropathic pain. Newer randomized controlled trials support the use of opioids.

CONCLUSIONS: First-line therapy for neuropathic pain may be either an older generation antidepressant such as amitriptyline or nortriptyline or the anticonvulsant gabapentin. For refractory cases, chronic opioid therapy may be the only avenue of relief, and evidence is accumulating that this approach is safe if proper guidelines are observed.

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ABT-627, an endothelin ET(A) receptor-selective antagonist, attenuates tactile allodynia in a diabetic rat model of neuropathic pain.

*(Is Abbott's prostate cancer cytostatic and pain drug the same as the one for diabetic neuropathy, but just under a different name?)*

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Tactile allodynia, the enhanced perception of pain in response to normally non-painful stimulation, represents a common complication of diabetic neuropathy. The activation of endothelin ET(A) receptors has been implicated in diabetes-induced reductions in peripheral neurovascularization and concomitant endoneurial hypoxia. Endothelin receptor activation has also been shown to alter the peripheral and central processing of nociceptive information. The present study was conducted to evaluate the antinociceptive effects of the novel endothelin ET(A) receptor-selective antagonist, 2R-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4S-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-1-(N, N-di(n-butyl)aminocarbonyl-methyl)-pyrrolidine-3R-carboxylic acid (ABT-627), in the streptozotocin-induced diabetic rat model of neuropathic pain. Rats were injected with 75 mg/kg streptozotocin (i. p.), and drug effects were assessed 8-12 weeks following streptozotocin treatment to allow for stabilization of blood glucose levels ( $\geq 240$  mg/dl) and tactile allodynia thresholds ( $\leq 8.0$  g). Systemic (i.p.) administration of ABT-627 (1 and 10 mg/kg) was found to produce a dose-dependent increase in tactile allodynia thresholds. A significant antinociceptive effect (40-50% increase in tactile allodynia thresholds,  $P < 0.05$ ) was observed at the dose of 10 mg/kg, i.p., within 0.5-2-h post-dosing. The antinociceptive effects of ABT-627 (10 mg kg(-1) day(-1), p.o.) were maintained following chronic administration of the antagonist in drinking water for 7 days. In comparison, morphine administered acutely at a dose of 8 mg/kg, i.p., produced a significant 90% increase in streptozotocin-induced tactile allodynia thresholds. The endothelin ET(B) receptor-selective antagonist, 2R-(4-propoxyphenyl)-4S-(1, 3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-1-(N-(2, 6-diethylphenyl)aminocarbonyl-methyl)-pyrrolidine-3R-carboxylic acid (A-192621; 20 mg/kg, i.p.), did not significantly alter tactile allodynia thresholds in streptozotocin-treated rats. Although combined i.p. administration of ABT-627 and A-192621 produced a significant, acute increase in tactile allodynia thresholds, this effect was significantly less than that produced by ABT-627 alone. These results indicate that the selective blockade of endothelin ET(A) receptors results in an attenuation of tactile allodynia in the streptozotocin-treated rat. *(This year 2000 study is in rat. How does the promise of ABT-627 (Abbott's prostate drug compare to ABT-594 for neuropathic pain? Is Abbott heading toward clinical trials with ABT-627 for neuropathic pain?)*

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Anticonvulsant drugs for acute and chronic pain.

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**BACKGROUND:** Anticonvulsant drugs have been used in the management of pain since the 1960s. The clinical impression is that they are useful for neuropathic pain, especially when the pain is lancinating or burning. **OBJECTIVES:** To evaluate the analgesic effectiveness of anticonvulsant drugs compared to either placebo or other drugs in order to provide evidence-based recommendations for pain management in clinical practice and to identify a clinical research agenda. Adverse effects are also considered. **SEARCH STRATEGY:** Randomised trials of anticonvulsants in acute, chronic or cancer pain were identified by Medline (Silver Platter 3.0, 3.1 and 3.11) from 1966 to February 1994. In addition, 40 medical journals were hand searched (published between 1950 and 1990). Additional reports were identified from the reference list of the retrieved papers, and contacting investigators. Date of the most recent searches: 1994. **SELECTION CRITERIA:** Randomised trials reporting the analgesic effects of anticonvulsant drugs in patients, with pain assessment as either the primary or a secondary outcome. **DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS:** Data were extracted by two independent reviewers, and trials were quality scored. Numbers-needed-to-treat (NNTs) were calculated from dichotomous data for effectiveness, adverse effects and drug-related study withdrawal, for individual studies and for pooled data. **MAIN RESULTS:** Twenty trials of four anticonvulsants were considered eligible (746 patients). The only placebo-controlled study in acute pain found no analgesic effect of sodium valproate. Three placebo-controlled studies of carbamazepine in trigeminal neuralgia had a combined NNT for effectiveness of 2.6, for adverse effects 3.4, and for severe effects (withdrawal from study) 24. Three placebo-controlled studies of diabetic neuropathy had a combined NNT for effectiveness of 3, for adverse effects 2.5, and for severe effects 20. Three placebo-controlled studies of migraine prophylaxis had a combined NNT for effectiveness of 2.4, for adverse effects 2.4 and for severe effects 39. Phenytoin had no effect in irritable bowel syndrome, and carbamazepine little effect in post-stroke pain. Clonazepam was effective in one study of temporomandibular joint dysfunction. No study compared one anticonvulsant with another. Anticonvulsants fared poorly against other treatments. **REVIEWER'S CONCLUSIONS:** Although anticonvulsants are used widely in chronic pain surprisingly few trials show analgesic effectiveness. No trial compared different anticonvulsants. There is no evidence that anticonvulsants are effective for acute pain. In chronic pain syndromes other than trigeminal neuralgia anticonvulsants should be withheld until other interventions have been tried. *(This confirms Abbott's contention that there is a significant unmet need here.)*

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**D'S EXHIBIT 805**

**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2000 10:55 AM  
**To:** Blewitt, Stephen  
**Subject:** Abbott interview writeup

See attached. Overall, most questions were answered satisfactorily—certainly no indication of any deception on Abbott's part. Only one question needs following up, the patent question on ABT-594. Let's talk to see where we go from here, and to discuss the format of the final report.

-- Lynn



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File: interview-abbott

**Telephone Interview with Abbott, Conducted by L. Klotz (consultant) and S. Blewitt.**

Representing Abbott:

John Leonard, Vice President of Development

Phil \_\_\_\_\_, Corporate Licensing

Steve Cohen, Controller

**[Steve, do you have full names and formal titles for the Abbott participants?]**

Almost all answers were provided by John Leonard, as the other two Abbott participants were not scientists and this was a technically oriented interview. Interviewer questions and comments are in italics, Abbotts response in normal type.

ABT-773, ketolide antibiotic for bacteria resistant to antibiotics

*To attain a \$1 billion market for a ketolide antibiotic as Aventis predicts (and you also predict), one of the experts we interviewed thought that two things must happen. It must unseat erythromycin, and it must out compete the new fluoroquinolones which are going after the same market. Do you agree with that assessment? If so, how do you see the marketing develop for ABT-773?*

Erythromycin was unseated a decade ago, the erythromycin derivative zitromax has \$600 to \$700 US sales and over \$1 billion worldwide. It has 15% market share *[of the derivative market?]*.

*[He mentioned a few other big sellers, from which it might be concluded that there is a very big total market in which Abbott could achieve a significant market share.]*

Fluoroquinolones in the past were used for urinary tract infections, but their marketers are trying to move into the respiratory infection market.

*Ketolides are related to macrolides, for which several resistance mechanisms exist. Do you expect resistance to develop rapidly from some of the minor macrolide resistance mechanisms, even though ketolides have been designed to circumvent the major efflux and ribosomal methylation mechanisms?*

In the US, efflux is the major mechanism of resistance. I believe in Japan the ribosomal mechanism may be important too. ABT-773 was originally designed and synthesized to avoid efflux. It has demonstrated efficacy on normally antibiotic resistant cells. We are about to enter Phase III trials.

*One expert stated that ketolides have a limited range of bacterial-species activity, which will*

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*probably limit their usefulness to respiratory infections. While respiratory infections (sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia) are a very large market, do your market estimates include other large markets? If so, why do you think ABT-773 can serve those other markets?*

ABT-773 was designed first and foremost for respiratory indications.

*Your Phase II clinical data indicates a 92% effectiveness (overall eradication) against H. Influenzae. How does this compare to erythromycin? If this indicates that ABT-773 is more effective than erythromycin against H. Influenzae, how do you see that affecting market size? Can you break down the increase in market for us.*

Very early on we specifically designed our clinical trials to look at *H. Influenzae*, "which sets the bar" for these antibiotics. ABT-773 is as good or maybe better, but the study was small.

*Do you see a competitive threat from the new peptide antibiotics such as Daptinomycin?*

They are low on our radar screen, because they are IV administered. ABT-773 is for ambulatory patients, who have a cough, a stuffy nose. The IV administered antibiotics are for hospital use. We are developing an IV form of ABT-774, to compete in that market, but the market is small, and we haven't really talked too much about this.

ABT-594, cholinergic channel modulator for diabetic neuropathic pain

*Experts in neuropathic pain point to pregabalin (Parke-Davis, Phase III trials) as being especially promising, because it works as well as gabapentin and is safe. How does ABT-924 stack up against pregabalin? Pregabalin will likely finish clinical trials and be approved (if it is approved) before ABT-924. Although measures have been developed, pain relief is subjective, so demonstrating to the FDA that ABT-594 is more efficacious than gabapentin may be difficult. Could the difficulty of providing convincing statistics prevent the approval of ABT-924?*

We haven't compared the two drugs head-to-head, but from what we see in the pregabalin literature, we believe our drug is good. I doubt that the FDA would use pregabalin as a standard for approval. In the neuropathic pain area, there are no standards. The last drug was approved 40(?) years ago. We see no approval risk for ABT-594 from pregabalin. Also ABT-594 works through a different mechanism. There is a great need for drugs in the neuropathic pain area.

*From your descriptive memorandum, ABT-594 appears to have a therapeutic window of only two to three. Is this small therapeutic window acceptable? Has the FDA approved neuropathic pain relievers with such a low therapeutic window?*

Aspirin has a therapeutic window of only ten. For ABT-594, maybe we will be able to get a theoretical window greater than five. When we give patients the upper-limit dose, the side effects aren't dangerous: headache, vomiting. These minor side effects appear to go away over time.

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*A Merck study claims that in rats "ABT-594 did not cause rotarod impairment at antinociceptive doses but did cause hypothermia and life-threatening adverse effects including seizures." This study also says its results suggest "ABT-594 has nicotine-like dependence liability....These findings indicate that the acute safety profile of ABT-594 is not significantly improved over other nicotinic analgesics." Also, Novartis finds in rats that "ABT-594 dose-dependently increased tail flick latencies but only at doses that also disrupted performance in the rotarod test" Novartis also claims "In all tests, (+)-epibatidine was significantly more potent than ABT-594." According to Abbott, ABT-594 is as efficacious as (+)-epibatidine, which is too toxic for use. How do you explain the differences between your findings in rodents and humans and the Merck and Novartis findings in rodents?*

Someone called my attention to the Merck study, I don't think I've seen the Novartis one. However, in clinical studies I would trade five million rats for a hundred people.

*Why are Merck and Novartis taking "pot shots" at you?*

I think Merck and Novartis are using us as a standard. We are the only drug to compare with. Merck bought Sybia, the company which has rights to many of the receptors like the one we are targeting.

*Is ABT-594 clear of the Sybia's patents?*

ABT-594 was prior to the Sybia/Merck arrangement. Future products must avoid Sybia's rights.

*[Note: this did not actually answer whether Abbott has an invention prior to Sybia, or if Sybia's patents may cover the receptor for Abbott's drug. We should clarify this.]*

*In an Abbott year 2000 study in rats, ABT-627 (the advanced prostate cancer cytostatic and pain drug) was examined for diabetic neuropathy. How does the promise of ABT-627 compare to ABT-594 for neuropathic pain? Are the two drugs structurally related? Is Abbott heading toward clinical trials with ABT-627 for neuropathic pain?*

Yes, we have looked at ABT-627 as an analgesic, it has limited value for pain, so we won't pursue it.

ABT-627 also might be used to treat cardiovascular disease. We don't serve that market, so we won't pursue that indication for business reasons.

ABT-980, alpha 1a adrenoceptor antagonist for BPH

*In a Chinese literature study comparing selective (tamsulosin, Flomax) and non-selective (terazosin) alpha 1-adrenoceptor antagonists, tamsulosin showed better results in maximum urinary flow rate (Q<sub>max</sub>), and average urinary flow rate (AFR). But the results, in our naive opinion, were not dramatically different. For example, AFR increased 37.5% for tamsulosin and*

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*25.8% for Flomax. I know these drugs sell well, but I am not sure why.*

In our human trials we look at flow, and we look at symptoms. Treating the symptoms is important. For example does the bladder empty completely, is urgency to urinate reduced or eliminated.

We have completed Phase II, clinical trials and are about to enter Phase III. Our data so far, show that ABT-980 is virtually super imposable on Flomax, maybe we are slightly better in a few areas.

*At what point does the FDA say, OK we have a number of products on the market which are not improvements over the previous ones, we won't approve the next one because patients don't need another similar product?*

This is an incremental product, a lot of what our industry does is incremental products. So it becomes a marketing and pricing issue. The FDA doesn't make decisions based on the number of products already on the market. In Europe, where prices are controlled, if a product is a me-too product, it can enter the market but at a lower price.

*One literature study refers to a patient population that is responsive to alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists. Does this mean there is a subgroup of patients that don't respond to BPH drugs targeted to alpha1-adrenoceptor? How big is this subgroup?*

I can't answer that; on one has carried out pharmacogenetic studies. The subgroup referred to could be those whose prostate is so big, nothing short of surgery will help them.

*A-254751, tubulin colchicine-site binding drug to inhibit microtubule formation for advanced cancers*

*One expert said, of the number of colchicine-site binding agents in preclinical and in clinical trials, combretastatin-A4 (Oxigene, Phase I trails) stands out. He said it is receiving a lot of attention because it is also an antivascular agent. How does A-254751 stack up against combrestatin?*

I don't know.

*A strikingly large number of colchicine-site drugs have been abandoned in clinical trials. One expert claims the older colchicine-binding drugs failed before they are too toxic. More specifically, the older drugs failed for pharmacokinetic reasons: mainly too long half-lives in the body. He further stated: what one wants are colchicine-binding drugs that get into cells quickly, do their job, and are eliminated from the body quickly. Do you agree with this assessment? What are the pharmacokinetics of A-254751? How does the drug escape MDR?*

I can't give you the pharmacokinetic data from memory.

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Could we look at it?

Yes, I can get it for you.

*[Since A-254751 is in early stage clinical trials, the data may give us some insight about its prospects. But I am already rating this drug as only having a fair chance of FDA approval based on the fate of the other colchicine-site binding agents. I don't see that the data can change that opinion, so I withdrew the request to see it.]*

We don't know how the drug escapes the MDR mechanism.

*How does A-254751 compare to other colchicine-site binding agents regarding toxicity?*

We think the window is pretty good compared to others.

*Cytostatic drugs (except for ABT-627, the endothelin ET-1 antagonist)*

*One literature review indicated that approximately thirty angiostatic agents are undergoing clinical trials, with another fifty agents in preclinical testing. This is a crowded field. While Abbott's approaches are clearly competitive, how can Abbott achieve a large market share given the large number of competitors in the cytostatic area in general?*

I agree that for cytostatic drugs in general their may be 50 to 200 in testing. To get the market lead, get one that works. In this business, there are a number of people who start things, many more than the ones who finish.

*One expert tells us that so far the FDA has not wavered from the strict position of improved survival as the criterion for cancer drug approval. This would include longer survival and improved quality of life. They have not yet approved any drug for slower disease progression. Since cytostatic therapies don't kill tumor cells, the use of time to progression of disease seems to be the necessary clinical trials measure. What are the problems with this measure? Do you think the difficulty of measuring time to progression, lack of statistically significant evidence of longer survival, and difficulty in determining improved quality-of-life will prolong clinical trials or cause some drugs to fail to get FDA approval? How serious an issue is this?*

You set this question up too starkly. Clearly drugs that make people to live longer, as long as they maintain a quality of life, are likely to be approved. With ABT-627, we are working with the FDA to determine what is a meaningful clinical progression. We are working with the FDA every step of the way.

*For any of your cytostatic drugs, have you any data for cost utility = (long-term-cost)/(quality-life-years-saved)? In particular, if there are side-effects, quality-life-years saved may be much less than simply life-years-saved, and cost-utility may be high.*

We haven't done cost-utility precisely, but we compare favorably with other products—for

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example, ABT-627 compares favorably with Luprolide, a chemical castration drug with sales of \$800 million. Also, Luprolide is very expensive.

*In this regard, metalloproteinase inhibitors are particularly worrisome. One of our experts stated that the metalloproteinase inhibitor BB-94 has "underwhelming" efficacy. It is toxic and causes joint problems. Additionally, one literature study finds that the metalloproteinase inhibitor Marimastat had no survival advantage when compared to chemotherapy with gemcitabine in advanced pancreatic cancer, and Abbott states that Marimastat has dose-limiting joint side-effects. To play devil's advocate, you could argue: Why should the FDA approve a drug that does not prolong a patient's life and at the same time inflicts pain? Could failure for approval of Marimastat make the approval barriers higher for follow-on drugs? What evidence do you have that gelatinase inhibitors like ABT-518 might not have the same FDA approval concerns?*

British Biotech was first with Marimastat, so it has the problems of being first. One thing Abbott has learned from Marimastat is that it is not selective enough. Abbott's metalloproteinase inhibitor avoids blocking a particular enzyme that is needed to keep joints clear. Abbott's drug does not create what we call "frozen shoulder." There is a good animal model that we use for frozen shoulder.

#### ABT-627, the endothelin ET-1 antagonist

*Abbott's internal memorandum describes ABT-627 as a potent vasoconstrictor. Abbott indicated in its internal memorandum that the mechanism of action in prostate cancer wasn't yet known. Additionally, one of our experts said that reducing blood supply to tumor cells was likely not the mechanism by which ABT-627 delays prostate cancer progression, since the cancer metastasize to bone and is slow growing both indicating there is less need for a good blood supply. What are your latest thoughts about mechanism of action? A competitor who has a better knowledge of mechanism may be in good position to develop a superior drug.*

Yes, we agree that the mechanism of action for metastacized prostate cancer is not vasoconstriction. We do have knowledge about mechanism for prostate cancer.

*[The interview ended here because Steve Cohen had an important meeting to attend. There was little need for additional questions on ABT-627 as well.]*

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 17**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 806**



**JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY****Bond & Corporate Finance Group**

Report Date: September 21, 2000

Recommendation to B.I.C.: September 21, 2000

Report to C.O.F.: October 10, 2000

**Private****Purchase Recommendation**

GBSA	\$110 mm	GBRE	\$20 mm
CLDBLK	\$ 30 mm	OPNBLK	\$ 4 mm
PENPAR	\$ 9 mm	IQA	\$15 mm
LOLA	\$ 8 mm	GRPLTC	\$ 4 mm
RETLTC	\$ 7 mm	GRPINS	\$ 2 mm
BOLI	\$ 4 mm	UNIVRSL	\$ 5 mm
IPLI	\$ 2 mm		

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES ("Non-Recourse")**

North Chicago, IL

We are recommending a \$220 million commitment to fund research and development expenses for a basket of eight pharmaceutical products ("Program Compounds") currently under development by Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott"). The commitment will be funded over a four-year period and will be subject to Abbott Laboratories co-funding at least two times our commitment on the Program Compounds during the same period of time. In return for the research and development payments, Abbott will agree to pay John Hancock milestone and royalty payments for each Compound that reaches regulatory approval and has commercial sales. The purpose of this transaction is to allow Abbott to increase its expenditures on research and development (to generate future growth in revenues and earnings) but to maintain current earnings.

The Program Compounds are a diversified pool of eight compounds owned by Abbott Laboratories and in various stages of clinical development. The Compounds are divided between late-stage and early-stage, including three Phase III, two Phase II, one Phase I, and two pre-clinical compounds. The Compounds are well-diversified from a disease/stage perspective, although several compounds are focused on the cancer market. Even within the cancer market, though, each of the Compounds targets either different types of cancer, or different mechanisms of action. Based on their current stage of development and projected sales levels, we think that the Program Compounds have a current market value of approximately \$1 billion. During the term of the transaction, we expect Abbott to spend approximately \$1.3 billion (including John Hancock's commitment) on further research and development for the Compounds.

Through the management fee and anticipated milestone payments, we expect to generate at least an 8% return on investment during the initial four years of the transaction. The average return is approximately 17.5% over 15 years. If we assume that we could sell our future royalty stream after the fifth year, our average five-year IRR would be about 22%.

The transaction is structured to provide a one-to two percent probability of total loss combined with a one-to-two percent chance of not earning a return. This is approximately equivalent to a 60 basis point annual loss over five years – or a "Ba1" credit rating. The expected return of 17.50% is attractive relative to the risk of the transaction.

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**JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY****Bond & Corporate Finance Group**

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IPLI	\$ 2 mm		

**ISSUER:** Abbott Laboratories (Non-recourse)

**ISSUE:** \$220 million Research and Development Funding Commitment

**ISSUE RATING:** JH: Ba2

**BROKER:** Direct

**SIC CODE:** 2830 - Drugs

**USE OF PROCEEDS:** To fund the research and development of eight pharmaceutical products ("Program Compounds") owned Abbott, and to pre-fund management fees and projected milestone payments, and to pay for transaction and administrative expenses.

**STATE OF INC.:** Illinois

**CIRCLE DATE:** August 31, 2000

**TAKEDOWN DATE:** Upon completion of documentation

**PROGRAM PAYMENTS:** During the Program Term, and in consideration of Abbott's continuing performance of the research services under the Research Plan, John Hancock shall make program payments to Abbott in the installments and on the dates set forth below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment</u>
[December,] 2000	\$50,000,000
[December,] 2001	\$55,000,000
[December,] 2002	\$55,000,000
[December,] 2003	\$60,000,000

"Program Term" means the period commencing [December,] 2000 Date and ending on [December,] 2004.

"Research Plan" means a detailed statement of Abbott's objectives, activities, timetable, FTE allocation and budget for the Program Compounds during the Program Compounds during each year of the Program Term. Abbott shall provide an updated research plan on an annual basis.

*Abbott Obligations*

During the Program Term, Abbott agrees to spend, in addition to the funds provided by John Hancock, (i) a minimum of \$50 million per year and (ii) a minimum of \$400 million in aggregate on research and development programs associated with the Program Compounds.

*Program Payment Termination Provisions*

Unless the parties agree upon an alternative arrangement, if Abbott (a) ceases research and development of all Program Compounds or (b) does not spend at least the amount provided by John Hancock in a year on the research and development of Program Compounds or (c) does not reasonably demonstrate, in its updated research plan, its intent to spend a minimum of the amount provided by John Hancock in the next year of the Program Term or \$620 million (including the funds provided by John Hancock) in aggregate, John Hancock's obligation to continue to make Program Payments shall cease. In the case of either (a) or (b) above, Abbott will refund to John Hancock \$55 million minus half of the amount actually spent by Abbott during that year.

*Carryover Provisions*

If Abbott spends the amount provided by John Hancock in a year but does not spend at least an additional \$50 million, Abbott agrees to spend the difference between \$105 million and the amount actually spent in that year (the "Carryover Amount") in the subsequent year. John Hancock's obligation to make Program Payments in the subsequent year, if any, will be deferred until that time that Abbott demonstrates that it has spent the Carryover Amount in that subsequent year.

If Abbott spends the amount provided by John Hancock in each year and at least an additional \$50 million in each year, but does not spend a minimum of \$620 million (including the funds provided by John Hancock) in aggregate on research and development programs associated with the Program Compounds during the Program Term, Abbott agrees to spend the difference between \$620 million and the aggregate amount actually spent (the "Aggregate Carryover Amount") in the subsequent year. If Abbott does not spend the Aggregate Carryover Amount in the subsequent year, Abbott will refund to John Hancock one-third of the difference between (a) \$620 million and the amount actually spent.

**MANAGEMENT FEE:**

Commencing with the first anniversary of the Program Term and continuing until the end of the Program Term, Abbott shall pay John Hancock a fee in the amount of \$2.0 million per year as compensation for monitoring Abbott's continuing performance of its research services under the Research Plan, the development of the Program Compounds, and to reimburse John Hancock for its ongoing fees and expenses incurred in connection with this transaction.

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**MILESTONE PAYMENTS:**

Abbott shall make the following payments for each compound for each milestone achieved after commencement of the Program Term:

Upon the allowance of an IND application by the FDA: \$1,000,000  
Upon the initiation of a Phase I Clinical Trial: \$2,000,000  
Upon the initiation of a Phase II Clinical Trial: \$3,000,000  
Upon the initiation of a Phase III Clinical Trial: \$4,000,000  
Upon the filing of an NDA application with the FDA: \$5,000,000  
Upon NDA Approval by the FDA: \$10,000,000

Aggregate milestone payments paid by Abbott, for all "non-NDA Approval" milestones achieved will not exceed \$12 million. Aggregate milestone payments paid by Abbott, for all "NDA Approval" milestones achieved will not exceed \$40 million. In addition, "non-NDA Approval" milestone payments will not exceed \$3 million in the first year or \$6 million in the second year after commencement of the Program Term.

**ROYALTY PAYMENTS:**

Abbott shall pay to John Hancock royalties on aggregate worldwide Net Sales of Program Compounds (all Program Compound sales combined) at the following rates:

<u>Annualized Net Sales of Aggregate Program Compounds</u>	<u>Royalty Rate</u>
\$0 to \$400 million	8%
>\$400 million and ≤ \$1,000 million	4%
>\$1,000 million and ≤ \$2,000 million	1%
>\$2,000 million	½%

The obligation to make royalty payments shall commence on the date of the First Commercial Sale of a Program Compound and shall continue with respect to Net Sales of such Program Compound for a period of ten years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligation to make royalty payments on all Program Compounds shall not begin until after the second anniversary of the Program Term and shall cease at December 31, 2014.

**HANCOCK HOLDINGS:**

None

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

\$29,000,000 Preferred Stock of Metabolex Corporation with Put Rights to Abbott

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**TRANSACTION OVERVIEW**

In December 1999, John Hancock approached Abbott Laboratories, Inc. ("Abbott") with a financial structure that would allow Abbott to increase its research and development expenditures (to generate future growth in revenues and earnings) but maintain current earnings. The structure, which is presented in this investment recommendation, uses probability analysis on a diversified portfolio of drug compounds, supplemented by scientific due diligence, to achieve an investment grade or near investment grade risk for John Hancock and allow us to generate equity returns in the form of current (royalty) income for a sizeable investment.

This transaction requires John Hancock to commit to funding an average of \$55 million per year for a period of four years to fund the research and development of a diversified pool of eight compounds ("Program Compounds") owned by Abbott Laboratories. We have valued the Program Compounds today at approximately \$1 billion (or five times our investment) and we expect Abbott to spend over seven times our investment during the term of the transaction (during the initial four year period, Abbott will commit two times John Hancock's investment for those compounds). In return for the research and development payments, Abbott will agree to pay John Hancock milestone and royalty payments for each compound that reaches regulatory approval and has commercial sales as well as a management fee.

Through the management fee and anticipated milestone payments, we expect to generate at least an 8% return on investment during the initial four years of the transaction. The average return is approximately 17.5% over 15 years. If we assume that we could sell our future royalty stream after the fifth year, our average five-year IRR would be about 22%.

This transaction is consistent with our approach to investing in the pharmaceutical sector. During the past five years, we have invested approximately \$460 million in pharmaceutical companies. Approximately \$300 million is invested in straight debt for investment grade companies. The remaining \$160 million is invested in equity-oriented transactions where we think that there are opportunities for exceptional value. Although we have invested in a couple of straight equity transactions, approximately \$150 million of the \$160 million is invested in transactions where our downside risk is protected by either "put rights" to investment grade companies (Metabolex, Nexell), senior note positions (Celgene, Cubist), or structured portfolios of drug candidates (Pharma Marketing). In these transactions, we maintain sizable up-side potential but reduce the probability of losing all of our invested capital through the structure of our investment.

In summary, we think that the structure of this transaction, which has us co-investing with Abbott Laboratories in a diversified pool of their drug compounds, which we believe have a current value of approximately \$1 billion, over a four year period, during which time Abbott has to meet co-investment obligations and the drug compounds need to continue to progress in development, allows us to generate substantial current income that exceeds the risk associated with the transaction. Although we are committing to a substantial \$220 million investment, our expectation is that our net investment will not exceed \$176 million (due to management fees, milestone payments, and royalty payments).

The transaction is structured to provide a one-to-two percent probability of total loss combined with a one-to-two percent chance of not earning a return. This is approximately equivalent to a 60 basis point annual loss over five years – or a "Ba1" credit rating. The expected return of 17.50% is attractive relative to the risk of the transaction.

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Expected accounting treatment

There have been a number of royalty streams sold off in the form of an asset backed security. The most visible example is the David Bowie bond bought by Prudential Insurance. While this royalty transaction has many similar features, it is also different in that it is funded over a four year period and no royalties are currently being generated. We believe that at the end of the funding period we will be able to obtain a rating on the transaction that will allow it to be placed on our bond schedule. In the meantime, it will appear on our BA schedule. We plan to account for this investment using the guidance in ruling 9920 of the Emerging Issues Task Force. Ruling 9920 requires that each year, or more often if the assumptions change, we will project the expected cash flows and book income equal to the internal rate of return. Any changes to the expected cash flows will be spread over the remaining life of the transaction through the newly calculated IRR. This is the same method we use to account for our CBO equity investments. Initially we expect the IRR on this investment to be approximately 17%.

**OVERVIEW OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

Abbott Laboratories is engaged in the discovery, development, manufacture and sale of healthcare products and services. Abbott has five reporting revenue segments: Pharmaceutical Products, Diagnostic Products, Hospital Products, Ross Products and International. It also has a 50%-owned joint venture, TAP Holdings, Inc. The principal products of the Pharmaceutical Products Division are the anti-infectives clarithromycin, agents for the treatment of epilepsy, migraine and bipolar disorder, including Depakote; urology products, including Flomax for the treatment of BPH; Abbokinase, a thrombolytic drug, and the anti-viral Norvir, a protease inhibitor for the treatment of HIV. The Diagnostic Division's products include diagnostic systems and tests for blood banks, hospitals, and commercial laboratories. The Hospital Products Division sells drugs and drug delivery systems, intensive care products, cardiovascular products, renal products, and intravenous and irrigation solutions. The Ross Products Division sells adult and pediatric nutritional products such as Similac, Isomil, Ensure, Glucerna, and Pedialyte. The International Division's products include a broad line of hospital, pharmaceutical, and adult and pediatric nutritional products marketed and primarily manufactured outside the United States.

For the year ended December 31, 1999, Abbott had revenues and net income of approximately \$13.2 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively. Abbott is rated "Aaa" by the major rating agencies. As of September 18, 2000, Abbott had a market capitalization of approximately \$74 billion.

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

(\$ in thousands)	Fiscal Years Ended December 31,		
	1997	1998	1999
Net Sales	\$11,889	\$12,512	\$13,177
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of goods sold	5,052	5,406	5,977
Selling, general and administrative	2,695	2,759	2,857
Research and development	1,307	1,228	1,193
Total operating expenses	9,055	9,395	10,028
Operating income	2,833	3,117	3,149
Net interest expense	85	102	81
Other charges	(186)	(223)	(330)
Income (loss) before taxation	2,934	3,241	3,396
Net income (loss)	\$2,079	\$2,331	\$2,445

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**TRANSACTION DETAILS****A. PROGRAM COMPOUNDS**

There are eight Program Compounds included in this transaction. The Compounds are divided between late-stage and early-stage, including three Phase III, two Phase II, one Phase I, and two pre-clinical compounds. The Compounds are well-diversified from a disease/stage perspective, although several compounds are focused on the cancer market. Even within the cancer market, each of the Compounds targets either different types of cancer, or different mechanisms of action. The products are described more fully below:

Product	Indication	JH Est. Peak Sales (\$mm)	Stage of Development
ABT 980 (BPH)	Treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia	600	Development Stage: Phase III Expected Launch: 2003
ABT 773 (Ketolide)	Antibiotic	800	Development Stage: Phase III Expected Launch: 2003
ABT 627 (Endothelin)	Treatment of prostate cancer	700	Development Stage: Phase III Expected Launch: 2003
ABT 594 (CCM)	Non-opioid, non-NSAID analgesic	700	Development Stage: Phase II Expected Launch: 2004
E7010 (Anti-mitotic)	Cancer	500	Development Stage: Phase I/II Expected Launch: 2004
MMPI	Cancer	400	Development Stage: Phase I Expected Launch: 2005
FTI	Cancer	400	Development Stage: Pre-clinical Expected Launch: 2005
Urokinase	Cancer	400	Development Stage: Pre-clinical Expected Launch: 2005

**B. SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED SALES**

In estimating sales projections by Program Compound, we started with determining the expected peak sales for each Compound. We have conservatively estimated the peak sales for each Compound based on our evaluation of market potential for each Compound relative to results for other similar drugs and expected competitive drugs. In general, our level of peak sales is significantly below Abbott's level (approximately 25%) -- but, because of the tiered royalty structure, the relative economic difference is not significant. Our next step was to use a Sales Curve calculated by Lehman Brothers that projects ramp-up and ramp-down for sizeable drugs. In general, this Curve shows peak sales being reached seven years after launch. Ramp-up is achieved by 5% of peak sales in the first year, followed by 13%, 25%, 50%, 80%, and 90%. Peak sales are maintained for three years, and the compound then achieves 85% of peak, 75%, 70%, etc. As expected, every compound has its own unique curve, and Lehman's is only a general estimate. We have compared the curve to IMS data of prescription sales for individual compounds in a number of drug classes from 1981 to 1999. Our analysis indicates that Lehman's curve is a good fit and we have applied that curve. The table below shows projected sales for each Compound and probability-weighted estimated sales for the entire portfolio of Compounds.

## ESTIMATED SALES PROJECTION

(\$ in millions)		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Name													
<u>Projected Sales</u>													
ABT-980 (BPH)	30	78	180	300	480	540	600	600	600	510	0	0	0
ABT-627 (Endothelin)	35	91	210	350	560	630	700	700	700	595	0	0	0
ABT-773 (Ketolide)	40	104	240	400	640	720	800	800	800	680	0	0	0
ABT-594		35	91	210	350	560	630	700	700	700	595	0	0
E7010 (Anti-mitotic)		20	52	120	200	320	360	400	400	400	340	0	0
MMPi													
FTI				20	52	120	200	320	360	400	400	400	340
Urokinase													
Total Projected Sales	105	328	793	1,432	2,350	2,970	3,410	3,560	3,600	3,285	1,335	340	
Estimated Sales	76	225	531	932	1,510	1,837	2,068	2,129	2,138	1,908	530	74	

*For projection purposes, MMPi, FTI and Urokinase are considered as one Program Compound with a Phase I probability of success.*

## C. MILESTONE AND ROYALTY PAYMENTS

Under the Agreement, Abbott agrees to pay to John Hancock royalties on aggregate worldwide Net Sales of Program Compounds (all Program Compound sales combined) at the following rates: 8% on the first \$400 million, 4% on the next \$600 million, 1% on the next \$1 billion, and ½% on any amount above \$2 billion. Abbott's obligation to make royalty payments will commence on the date of the First Commercial Sale of a Program Compound and will continue with respect to Net Sales of such Program Compound for a period of ten years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligation to make royalty payments on all Program Compounds will not begin until after the second anniversary of the Program Term and will cease at December 31, 2014. Based on our estimate of aggregate sales for the Program Compounds, we expect the following amounts of Royalty Payments:

(\$ in millions)		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Name													
Estimated Sales		76	225	531	932	1,510	1,837	2,068	2,129	2,138	1,908	530	74
Royalty Payments													
8.0% on \$400 mm	6	18	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	6
4.0% on \$400-\$1,000	0	0	5	21	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	5	0
1.0% on \$1,000 - \$2,0	0	0	0	0	5	8	10	10	10	10	9	0	0
0.5% on \$2,000+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total Royalty Pymts	6	18	37	53	61	64	66	67	67	67	65	37	6
(average percent)	8.0%	7.0%	5.7%	4.0%	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.4%	7.0%	8.0%

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In addition to the Royalty Payments, Abbott will be obligated to make payments to John Hancock for certain milestones achieved for each compound. The milestone and the corresponding payments are described below. Aggregate milestone payments paid by Abbott, for all "non-NDA Approval" milestones achieved will not exceed \$12 million. Aggregate milestone payments paid by Abbott, for all "NDA Approval" milestones achieved will not exceed \$40 million. In addition, "non-NDA Approval" milestone payments will not exceed \$3 million in the first year or \$6 million in the second year after commencement of the Program Term.

Upon the allowance of an IND application by the FDA:	\$ 1,000,000
Upon the initiation of a Phase I Clinical Trial:	\$ 2,000,000
Upon the initiation of a Phase II Clinical Trial:	\$ 3,000,000
Upon the initiation of a Phase III Clinical Trial:	\$ 4,000,000
Upon the filing of an NDA application with the FDA:	\$ 5,000,000
Upon NDA Approval by the FDA:	\$10,000,000

Based on the number of Compounds in the Program and the number of potential milestones for each Compound, we expect to receive \$3 million, \$6 million, and \$3 million of "non-NDA" milestone payments in the first three years. In addition, we expect to receive \$20 million in 2003 and \$10 million in 2004 for NDA Approvals.

In aggregate, the management fees, milestone payments, and royalty payments are approximately 4.3% of Net Sales of the Program Compounds. The tiered structure of the royalty payments and the up-front milestone payments, however, substantially reduce the downside of the transaction in the event that aggregate net sales are below our expected case. For example, if sales were 25% below projected, a flat 4.3% royalty rate would yield a loss ratio of 4% versus a loss ratio of 1.6% when using the tiered structure.

#### D. ESTIMATED CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS

Based on the calculations of Net Sales and Milestone and Royalty Payments, which are described above, the Cash Flow of this transaction is as presented in the table below. In particular, the structure provides for adequate current income during the first two-to-three years when there are no approved Compounds, and substantial current royalty income based on Net Sales of approved Compounds.

(\$ in millions)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Name															
JH Cash Payments	(50)	(55)	(55)	(60)											
Management Fee	0	2	2	2	2										
Milestone Payments	0	3	6	23	10										
Royalty Payments	0	0	0	6	18	37	53	61	64	66	67	67	65	37	6
Aggregate Cash Rcv'd	0	5	8	31	30	37	53	61	64	66	67	67	65	37	6
JH Net Cash Flow	(50)	(50)	(47)	(29)	30	37	53	61	64	66	67	67	65	37	6

The projected bond equivalent yield for this transaction is approximately 17.5% and the cash to invested capital ratio is 2.7 times.



**E. SUMMARY BUDGET**

Abbott will be using the funds from this transaction to invest in the research and development of a specific pool of drug compounds, and to pre-fund management fees and projected milestone payments. These funds will be part of a total investment by Abbott of approximately \$1,300 million during the next ten years and \$900 million over the four year co-investment period. In addition, based on the stage of the development of the Program Compounds, and their expected sales, we have valued the Program Compounds today at approximately \$1 billion. Our valuation is based on our knowledge of "out-licensing" transactions between pharmaceutical companies and the milestone and royalty structure that is market for different stage compounds. In general, out-license transactions provide the licensor with a royalty rate of between 10% (for Phase I compounds) to 30% (for Phase III compounds) and a 50/50 split for compounds that have completed Phase III. Using an average 20% royalty applied to estimated sales and a 15% discount rate, we arrived at a value of approximately \$1 billion.

The following table summarizes the Company's expected budget during the Program Period:

(5 in millions)	Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
<i><u>Projected Budget</u></i>													
	ABT-980 (BPH)	80	40	30	30	20	20	10	10	10	10	10	270
	ABT-627 (Endothelin)	40	40	20	20	20	20	20	10	10	10	10	220
	ABT-773 (Ketolide)	135	60	42	42	27	27	27	17	17	17	17	428
	ABT-594	70	80	30	20	20	20	20	20	10	10	10	310
	E7010 (Anti-mitotic)	20	30	35	20	30	10	10	5	5	5	5	175
	MMPI	20	30	35	20	23	15	15	5	5	5	5	178
	FTI	5	10	37	17	15	15	5	5	5	5	5	124
	Urokinase	15	25	35	33	15	15	5	5	5	5	5	163
	<b>Total Projected Budget</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,868</b>
	<b>Estimated Budget</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,314</b>

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## TRANSACTION ANALYSIS

The structure of this transaction (which includes a diversified pool of eight Abbott compounds, and a tiered royalty structure) offers a substantial likelihood that we will receive a long-term bond equivalent yield of approximately 17.5% which is substantially greater than the inherent risk of the transaction.

### Expected Return.

#### *Methodology*

Determining the fair economics of the proposed transaction is highly dependent upon the number of compounds included, the characteristics of the compounds (i.e. status of development, potential sales), the structure of the royalty rates, and an estimation of what is a fair return. To help us answer these questions, we have taken several steps. First, we have researched industry standards for likelihood of success and probable sales curves for compounds in different stages of development. Second, we have developed a spreadsheet model that calculates the rate of return for a chosen portfolio and have developed a minimum number of compounds and associated milestone/royalty payments to provide us with returns that adequately compensate us for the risk we are taking. Third, we have tried to determine what rate of return the capital markets would require for the level of risk that we are willing to take.

The Program Compounds consist of five of Abbott's late-stage development compounds and a basket of three pre-clinical cancer compounds. The late-stage compounds range from mid-Phase II to starting Phase-III. Peak annual sales for these compounds range from \$400 million to \$800 million. With the exception of the "cancer basket", the compounds are independent of each other. Our due diligence provided us with results consistent with Abbott's representations and expectations for the Program Compounds, although we have scaled back sales projections significantly.

Our scientific and market diligence for the portfolio of compounds consisted on a number of steps. As a first step, we received internal scientific and business write-ups from Abbott for each Program Compound. The material provided by Abbott demonstrated the scientific rationale for the compounds, results of clinical trials, and a competitive analysis. Through financial reports, we searched for all references to Abbott's compounds and all references to competitive compounds in the same class or same disease category. We used this information to evaluate the potential size of markets for the Program Compounds and their competitive landscape. We engaged Dr. Lynn Klotz to search the major drug and medical databases for scientific reports on the Program Compounds and competitive compounds in the same class or same disease category. We used this information to evaluate, from a scientific perspective, what research scientists had discovered about the Program Compounds from an efficacy and safety perspective. We also used this information to identify potential experts to contact for additional questions. Finally, Dr. Klotz contacted the experts on a non-disclosure basis (not revealing that we were looking at Abbott compounds) and asked the experts to assess the Program Compounds and any potential competitive products from an efficacy and market potential perspective. In summary, none of our diligence revealed any information that was materially different than what Abbott had provided to us.

Dr. Lynn Klotz is a former professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Harvard University and a former officer of two biotechnology companies, BioTechnica and Codon. Dr. Klotz is currently an independent consultant. His most recent assignment was as a member of a four-person team consulting with the President of Mississippi State University to provide a strategic plan for their Life Sciences Institute.

**Probabilities of Success**

Based on the development stage of each compound, we assigned probabilities of success ("regulatory approval") and time to success for each compound. Our probabilities of success come from a 1995 study by Dr. Joseph A. DiMasi at the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, and were modified based on our specific knowledge of the Program Compounds. Dr. DiMasi's study is generally accepted by the pharmaceutical industry as an accurate assessment of the probability of success and of the time and costs associated with drug development. Dr. DiMasi looked at a random sample of 93 compounds in four broad disease categories from 12 pharmaceutical companies that were first tested in humans between 1970 and 1982.

Dr. DiMasi's results are summarized below:

**PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS**

Entering Phase	NSAID	Cardio-vascular	Anti-infective	Neuro-pharm	All
I	22%	26%	30%	20%	23%
II	30%	41%	38%	22%	31%
III	71%	72%	77%	51%	63%

Dr. DiMasi calculated the average time to approval as 8.75 years for compounds entering Phase I, 7.5 years for compounds entering Phase II, and 5.5 years for compounds entering Phase III. Embedded in these times was an approximately 30-month review process by the FDA. Due to legislative and process changes, the average FDA review time is now approximately 12 months. A revised timeframe for approval (which was been published by TCSD in 1999), based on accelerated review by the FDA, and quicker processes within the pharmaceutical companies, is 6.0 years for Phase I, 5.0 years for Phase II, and 3.0 years for Phase III.

**Sales Estimates**

In estimating sales projections by Program Compound, we started with determining the expected peak sales for each Compound. We have conservatively estimated the peak sales for each Compound based on our evaluation of market potential for each Compound relative to results for other similar drugs and expected competitive drugs. In general, our level of peak sales is significantly below Abbott's level (approximately 25%) -- but, because of the tiered royalty structure, the relative economic difference is not significant. Our next step was to use a Sales Curve calculated by Lehman Brothers that projects ramp-up and ramp-down for sizeable drugs. In general, this Curve shows peak sales being reached seven years after launch. Ramp-up is achieved by 5% of peak sales in the first year, followed by 13%, 25%, 50%, 80%, and 90%. Peak sales are maintained for three years, and the compound then achieves 85% of peak, 75%, 70%, etc. As expected, every compound has its own unique curve, and Lehman's is only a general estimate. We have compared the curve to IMS data of prescription sales for individual compounds in a number of drug classes from 1981 to 1999. Our analysis indicates that Lehman's curve is a good fit and we have applied that curve. The table below shows projected sales for each Compound and probability-weighted estimated sales for the entire portfolio of Compounds.

**Financial Model and Results**

We've modeled the returns on this portfolio of drugs using a Monte Carlo simulation and assuming their probabilities of success are independent. Let's start, however, with some simplifying assumptions to get better intuition on the risk of the transaction. Assume the probability of success of each drug is 50%, the drugs are independent, and that the success of any one drug will give us a return of 8% on the transaction. In this case, we will lose all our investment only if all the drugs fail. The probability of this is  $(1/2)^6 = 1.6\%$ . Spread over a 4 year duration, the expected annual loss is 40 basis points which implies the same risk as a Baa3 bond. If only one drug is successful, which should occur with the probability of  $(1/2)^6 * (6!/1!) = 6/64 = 9.4\%$ , the return, in our simplified model, is 8% on the entire investment. This is approximately 200 basis points over Treasuries. If two or more drugs are successful, the structure caps the investment's return at

approximately 20%. The probability of this is  $100\% - 1.6\% - 9.4\% = 89\%$ . Hence, the weighted average return on the investment is  $1.6\%*0 + 9.4\%*8\% + 89\%*20\% = 18.5\%$ .

This example is obviously a simplification. Each of the drugs has a different probability of success, depending upon how far along each is in the approval process, and a different revenue profile. To reflect the different probabilities and different revenue streams, we developed a spreadsheet model that incorporates multiple drug compounds (and their specific probability of success, time to launch, and expected sales pattern) and a variable milestone/royalty structure. We then ran the spreadsheet model 500 times to provide us a range of outcomes as well as the expected results for returns and losses.

In our base case, we have made the following assumptions:

Product	Phase	JH Probability Of Approval	Launch	JH Peak Sales
BPH	Phase III	65%	2003	\$600 mm
Ketolide	Phase III	70%	2003	\$800 mm
Endothelin	Phase III	70%	2003	\$700 mm
CCM	Phase II	50%	2004	\$700 mm
Antimitotic	Phase I/II	40%	2004	\$500 mm
MMPI	Phase I	10%	2005	\$400 mm
FTI	PC	10%	2005	\$400 mm
Urokinase	PC	10%	2005	\$400 mm

... and calculated the average bond equivalent yield of this scenario to be approximately 17.3%. It is important to note that the expected IRRs are over a long period of time (15 years). Assuming that we could sell our future royalty stream after the fifth year, our five-year IRR would be about 22%.

#### Analysis of Return

The last step of our analysis was to determine what a fair economic return for this transaction should be. We have benchmarked this transactions in a number of ways, such as: R&D vehicles for pre-clinical compounds were sold with expected IRRs (over a three-to-five year period) of approximately 40%; Harnbrecht & Quist has estimated pharmaceutical IRRs for single phase-II compounds to be 40% and single phase-III compounds to be 25%; the Palisade Partners (Sony movies) transaction that we participated in last year has an expected IRR of 20%; Elan Pharmaceuticals' pooled transaction has an expected five-year IRR of 13%; limited partner equity funds have about a 25% expected net IRR; and our proprietary analysis of the equity market's IRR for Abbott's entire R&D pipeline of 16-22%. Based on these comparisons, we think that an IRR of 17% over a long period of time is reasonable.

We also evaluated the relationship between our investment (and Abbott's) in the entire portfolio and the average royalty rate that we expect to receive – which is approximately 4-5%. We estimate that the current value of the compounds that Abbott is contributing to the transaction is about \$1 billion. During the four year investment period, Abbott expects to invest \$800 million on the compounds, in addition to our \$200 million. Based on these amounts, our investment is approximately 10% of the total invested dollars. Most pharmaceutical companies earn about a 50% pre-tax margin (excluding R&D expenses) on sales. On a net basis, then, our expected royalty and milestone percentage should be about 5%.

Risk Analysis.

The fundamental risks of this transaction are whether Abbott receives marketing approval from the FDA for a sufficient number of the Program Compounds and whether the commercial success of the Compounds are as we expect. In developing the *expected return*, we have made a number of reasonable assumptions regarding the probability of obtaining FDA approvals, acceptance of the products in the marketplace and competition. In many cases, our assumptions are significantly more conservative than Abbott's.

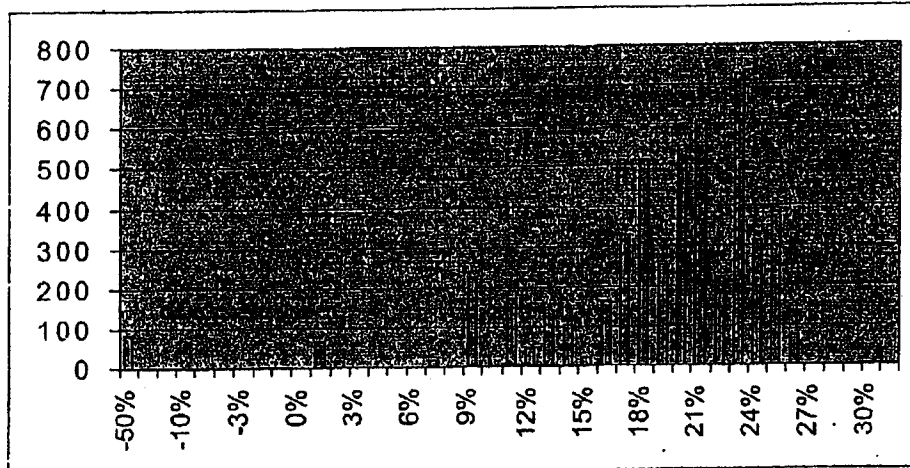
Again looking at our base case (which is demonstrated in the Chart I on the next page), the probability of no successful drugs is approximately 1.7% (the bar on the left). There are also a number of scenarios that produce a return of approximately 1% – 2%. These scenarios arise when only a cancer drug is successful. The cancer drugs have lower anticipated revenues, as well as lower probabilities of success, than any of the other drugs. This represents about 1.6% of the scenarios. All other scenarios give us a return of 9% or more. Assuming a 1-2% return represents a loss of half our original investment, the expected loss in this simulation is  $1.7\% + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.6\% = 2.5\%$ . Spread over a four year duration, the annual expected loss is 62 basis points which corresponds to the risk of a B1 rated bond.

We also ran a downside simulation, where the probabilities of success are discounted by 25% from the DiMasi study and the expected revenues are discounted by 25% from our base case (this is shown in Chart II on the next page).

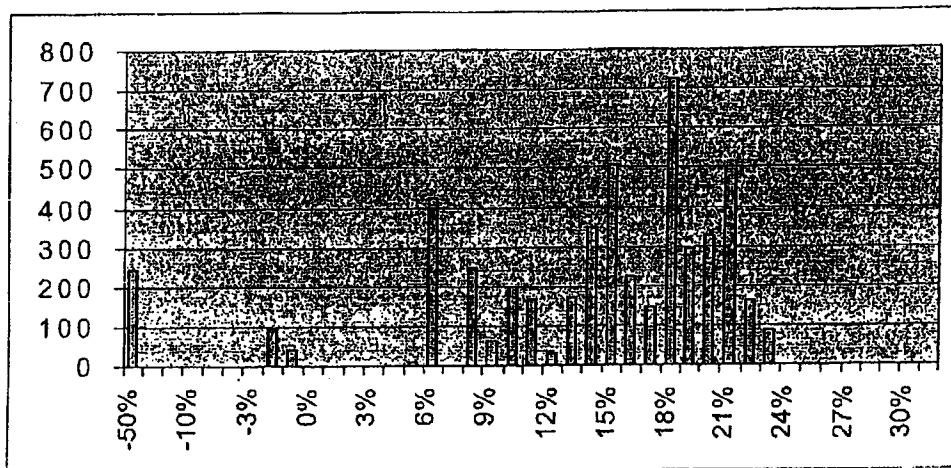
The average return in this downside scenario is 9.3%. The probability that no drugs are successful rises dramatically to 4.9%. The low return scenario is now even lower (-2%) and also has a higher probability (2.7%). So, the annual expected loss is  $(4.9\% + .6 \times 2.7\%) / 4 = 165$  basis points which corresponds to the risk of a B1 rated bond.

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**CHART I**  
**BASE CASE**



**CHART II**  
**DOWNSIDE SCENARIO**





## APPENDIX PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

### ABT-980

ABT-980 is a selective alpha blocker for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia ("BPH"), a disorder that affects approximately 10 million middle-aged and elderly males in the U.S. The primary symptom of BPH is obstruction of urinary outflow and increased frequency of urination. Global sales of BPH products is approximately \$2 billion and is expected to continue to grow as the population ages and as better treatments become available. Currently, alpha blockers, including Abbott's Hytrin which recently became generic, are the most frequently prescribed pharmaceutical treatment for BPH. ABT-980 has the benefit of other alpha blockers, but since it only inhibits alpha receptors in the urinary tract, side effects on the cardiovascular system and central nervous system are expected to be reduced substantially.

One other selective alpha blocker, Boehringer Ingelheim's Flomax, the FDA and has been on the market since 1999. Flomax's current sales are approximately \$300 million. Abbott completed Phase II clinical trials and entered Phase III trials this past summer. In its Phase II trials, Abbott demonstrated that it is effectively equivalent (based on safety and efficacy) to Flomax.

This month, Abbott has learned that in long-term studies with rats, that about 15% of the rats given ABT-980 developed gallstones. Abbott does not know if these results are applicable to humans and at what frequency; however, there is no evidence of gallstones in humans to-date. In addition to its usual clinical trials, Abbott will try to determine whether gallstones will develop in humans over the long-term and what implications that may have. If ABT-980 fails due to this gallstone issue, Abbott will replace ABT-980 with another compound.

Abbott expects to submit ABT-980 for approval in June 2002 and launch the product in August 2003. The patent on ABT-980 expires in 2016.

### E-7010

E-7010 is a compound that Abbott licensed from Eisai Co. Ltd. in July 2000. E7010 has completed Phase I trials for various oncology applications. E7010 is an oral medication with a unique mechanism of action that enables it to stop cell mitosis with fewer side effects than current cytotoxic therapies. Although financial terms of the Abbott-Eisai agreement have not been publicly disclosed, Abbott is committing \$25 million in up-front and milestone payments to Eisai and will pay a double-digit royalty percentage on net sales. As a result of in-licensing E7010, Abbott has discontinued development of its own internally developed "anti-mitotic" compound.

Anti-mitotic compounds are not new. Taxol, the largest selling cancer drug, is an anti-mitotic. E7010, however, binds to a different site of a cell's microtubules than Taxol, and inhibits cell proliferation in a unique manner which is believed to cause fewer side effects.

E7010 has successfully completed Phase I clinical trials in Japan. These trials may be repeated in the U.S. but Abbott expects to move quickly into Phase II trials. Abbott expects to submit E7010 for approval in 2003 and launch the product in 2004. The patent on E7010 expires in 2011.

Our scientific consultants, Dr. Dennis A. Carson, UCSD School of Medicine, and Dr. John Kavanaugh, Jr., MD Anderson Cancer Center, did not have specific knowledge about the Abbott/Eisai compound. However, each researcher provided us with consistent critical benchmarks to evaluate the compound (such as whether the compound has been tested against specific cancer cell lines, whether the compound has been tested in combination with other anti-cancer agents. We have confirmed that Abbott independently addressed these critical benchmark and received positive results.

### ABT-773 (Ketolide)

ABT-773 is a member of a novel group of ketolide antibiotics within the macrolide group of antimicrobials. Ketolides have a similar mechanism of action to other macrolides such as Pfizer's *Zithromax* and Abbott's

*Biaxin*. Unlike macrolide antibiotics, ketolides are active against *s. pneumonia* and *h. influenza*. The antibiotics market size is approximately \$25 billion; macrolides account for approximately 13% and have an increasing market share. Only one ketolide (*Ketek*) is in advanced clinical trials; this compound, discovered by Aventis, was approved for sale in Europe and was been submitted to the FDA for approval in February 2000. Aventis expects to launch *Ketek* in 2001.

ABT-773 entered Phase III clinical trials this past summer. Abbott expects to submit ABT-773 for approval in June 2002 and launch the product in August 2003. The patent on ABT-773 expires in 2016.

Our scientific consultant, Dr. Robert C. Moellering, Jr., Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Medical Center, confirmed the scientific rationale for ketolides and their market potential. Based on information that he has seen, Dr. Moellering believes that ABT-773 has more promise than Aventis' *Ketek*.

#### ABT-594

ABT-594 is a non-opioid, non-NSAID analgesic compound that is orally-administered for the treatment of diabetic neuropathic pain. In animal models, the compound has been shown to be substantially more potent than morphine with a better side effect profile. Neuropathic pain is a substantial and underserved market. Approximately 4-5 million people are thought to suffer from neuropathic pain but only a few medications provide complete pain relief and most medications have significant side effects. As more effective and tolerable medications become available, the neuropathic pain market is expected to experience significant growth.

ABT-594 is currently in Phase II clinical trials. If Phase II and Phase III trials are successful, Abbott expects to submit ABT-594 for approval in May 2003 and launch the product in July 2004. The patent on ABT-594 expires in 2016.

Our scientific consultant, Dr. Mitchell Max, NIH, eliminated an initial concern of ours that the "therapeutic window" of ABT-594 was too short and would potentially block approval. Dr. Max indicated that ABT-594's therapeutic window was acceptable. Dr. Max was not able to fully address toxicity issues raised by two of Abbott's competitors that the compound demonstrated opioid-like side effects in mice. These toxicity issues have not been found by Abbott in its mice or human trials. Dr. Max believed that ABT-594 showed a good profile in mice.

#### ABT-627

ABT-627 is an inhibitor of a family of endothelin peptides that cause constriction of vascular muscles and stimulate cell proliferation. ABT-627 is currently being developed by Abbott for the treatment of prostate cancer, and other cancer types.

Prostate cancer ("PCA") is the most common cancer to strike non-smoking men. Approximately 1.7 million men live with prostate cancer in the U.S., and there are approximately 180,000 newly diagnosed cases each year. The primary treatment of advanced stage PCA is hormone therapy. Patients receiving hormone therapy become resistant to this treatment after two to three years and then have a life expectancy of only about twelve months.

The primary benefit of ABT-627 is to reduce the pain associated with PCA and to delay the progression of the disease (but not necessarily improve survival).

ABT-627 is currently in Phase III clinical trials. If Phase III trials are successful, Abbott expects to submit ABT-627 for approval in December 2003 and launch the product in June 2004. The patent on ABT-627 expires in 2015.

Our scientific consultant, Dr. Joel Byron Nelson, MD, University of Pittsburgh, has indicated that ABT-627 is safe, significantly reduces pain associated with PCA, and delays disease progression.

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#### MMPI

MMPI is an inhibitor of enzymes called matrix metalloproteinase that degrade a wide range of protein substrates. High expression of these enzymes occurs in cancer and is associated with the ability of tumors to grow, invade, develop new blood vessels and metastasize.

The MMPI field is competitive. More than 30 firms have filed patents and several companies have compounds in advanced clinical development. Abbott's MMPI has the potential competitive advantage of a better side effect profile. It appears to exhibit less arthritis and tendonitis of the upper joints than its competitors. This compound is currently being evaluated in Phase I clinical trials.

Abbott hopes to submit MMPI for approval in 2004 and launch the product in 2005. The patent on MMPI expires in 2018.

#### FTI

FTI is an inhibitor of enzymes called farnesyltransferase that assist certain proteins, such as the Ras protein, which are critical for malignant growths.

The FTI field is competitive. Approximately four compounds are in clinical development, and an additional five are in pre-clinical studies. Abbott has not yet chosen a specific FTI to enter into human clinical trials. It expects to enter human clinical trials in 2001.

Abbott hopes to submit FTI for approval in 2004 and launch the product in 2005. The patent on FTI is not expected to expire prior to 2014.

#### Urokinase

Urokinase is an inhibitor of enzymes called urokinase which are believed to promote the metastases of tumors by breaking down cell membranes.

The Urokinase field is less well-developed than MMPI and FTI. No compound has currently made it into clinical trials. Abbott is currently evaluating several compounds. If Abbott fails to take a Urokinase compound into clinical trials, Abbott will substitute another Phase I compound into the Program.

Abbott hopes to submit Urokinase for approval in 2004 and launch the product in 2005. The patent on Urokinase is not expected to expire prior to 2014.

Our scientific consultant, Dr. Edward Sausville, National Cancer Institute, has indicated that "cytostatic" therapies such as MMPI, FTI and Urokinase may be useful upon recurrence of cancer as a means to stopping the progression of the disease. He believes that they will be useful in combination with other therapies and may not be exceptional compounds by themselves.

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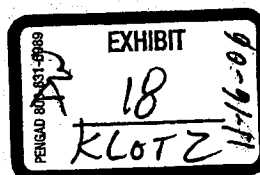
- An invoice for my time on this project.
- A draft report entitled "Expected Internal Rate of Return," which is both a lay-level explanation of the approach to evaluating investments in drugs in development and the mathematical derivations. The report is nearly in publication form, but without Figure 1. Figure 2 is included separately; that is, not attached to the report.

You probably only want to read the first two sections, unless you feel your college-level mathematics is up to it. I can explain the rest to you when we get together. Perhaps an half-hour talk to you, someone who is mathematically and Excel knowledgeable in your group, and whoever is working on the pharmaceutical side with you.

- The spread sheet and example results comparing my three-linear sales curve with the OTA sales curve. The example results are summarized in the report.
- Another spread sheet and example results using the three-linear sales curve to calculate expected internal rate of return for various kinds of drugs. The example results are summarized in the report. I have given considerable thought on how to make this program user friendly and able to handle a basket of drugs in development. I can either do it myself or work with one of your Excel programmers.
- Yet another spread sheet verifying that my simple closed-form version of cash-flow discounting does indeed work.
- A summary booklet of my updated drug discovery course prepared for the University of Maryland.
- Copies of three publications dealing with valuing development stage drugs. I would be interested in seeing what your staff has come up with on this subject.
- Some interesting basic pharmaceutical industry data from PhRMA.

I am quite interested in your approach for understanding market valuation of drugs in development. I think both approaches would make for an interesting publication.

- Lynn Klotz



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## Expected Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Drugs and Development (Using the Linear Model for Sales over Time)

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**This program is to check the closed form vs the year to year calculation cash flow and expected internal rate of return**

In all the analyses, in place of dollar units, we will carry out all the analyses in terms of units of potential market; that is the potential market for the drug is 1.0 units. This will standardize the analysis and can be easily converted to dollars by multiplying by market penetration, royalty percentage, investment amount, etc. all in dollars.

### Data for example drug:

Stage of development:	Phase I
prob of launch	prob = 0.2295
years to launch	x0 = 7

Year after product launch to first sale (usually 0 or 1)	xfirst = 1
Year from launch that maximum sales are first reached:	xm = 8
Year from launch that key patents expire:	xp = 10
Year from launch that sales become effectively \$0	xend = 20

### *Calculating discounted sales from the closed-form geometric series formulas*

Expected internal rate of return:                       $ier = 15.30\%$

Reciprocal discount factor,  $v=1/(1+ier)$ :                       $v = 0.867334$

### Ramp up period

Slope of linear curve:	$rm = 0.142857$
Intercept of linear curve:	$rb = -1.142857$
start of sum (beginning of year of first sales):	$jj1 = 8$
end of sum (first year of maximum sales):	$jj2 = 15$

Geometric sum:	$rGsum = 1.640882$
Geometric derivative sum:	$rGdsum = 17.67012$

Normalized, discounted sales during ramp up period:	$rsales = 0.649008$
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Check by calculating discounted sales from individual years

<u>Year after Investment</u>	<u>Year after Launch</u>	<u>Sales Linear Approximation</u>	<u>Discounted Sales</u>
8	1	0	0
9	2	0.142857	0.039681
10	3	0.285714	0.068833
11	4	0.428571	0.089551
12	5	0.571429	0.103561
13	6	0.714286	0.112277
14	7	0.857143	0.116858
15	8	1	0.118248
TOTAL:			0.649008

The closed and open form of the discounted cash flow agree.

Period of constant, maximum sales

Start of sum (2nd year of constant, maximum sales):  $jj3 = 16$   
 End of sum (year of patent expiration):  $jj4 = 17$   
 $mGsum = 0.191514$

Normalized, discounted sales  
 during maximum, constant sales period  
 (not including first year of maximum sales):  $msales = 0.191514$

Check by calculating discounted sales from individual years

<u>Year after Investment</u>	<u>Year after Launch</u>	<u>Linear Approx</u>	<u>Discounted Sales</u>
16	9	1	0.10256
17	10	1	0.088954
Normalized discounted sales:			0.191514

Both closed and open form agree, so the formulation is OK.

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Ramp down period after patent expiration

Slope of linear curve:  $em = -0.1000$   
 Intercept of linear curve:  $eb = 2.7000$   
 start of sum (beginning of year of first sales):  $jj5 = 18$   
 end of sum (first year of maximum sales):  $jj6 = 27$

Geometric sum:  $eGsum = 0.44145$   
 Geometric derivative sum:  $eGdsum = 9.431114$

Normalized, discounted sales  
 during ramp down period:  $esales = 0.248802$

Check by calculating discounted sales from individual years

<u>Year after</u> <u>Investment</u>	<u>Year after</u> <u>Launch</u>	<u>Sales</u> <u>Linear</u> <u>Approximation</u>	<u>Discounted</u> <u>Sales</u>
18	11	0.900000	0.069437
19	12	0.800000	0.053534
20	13	0.700000	0.040628
21	14	0.600000	0.030204
22	15	0.500000	0.021831
23	16	0.400000	0.015148
24	17	0.300000	0.009853
25	18	0.200000	0.005697
26	19	0.100000	0.002471
TOTAL:			0.248802

Both closed and open form agree, so the formulation is OK.

Nales broken down into phases:

ramp up: 0.649008  
 constant, maximum: 0.191514  
 ramp down: 0.248802

TOTAL discounted sales:  $Tsales = 1.089325$

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Determination of expected internal rate of return

The equation from which we will determine expected internal rate of return is:

$$p \times \text{NPV}(er) - I = 0$$

where p is the probability that the return is ever realized (probability that the product is launched)

We will solve the above equation by trial and error using the Excel Solver function to find the er which satisfies the equation.

Potential market (millions):	PM = \$	500
Market penetration	penet =	40%
Investor's royalty rate	Royalty =	10%

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)	IV= \$	5.00
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investment normalized to potential market	NIV=	0.0100
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Normalized discounted sales:	Tsales =	1.089325
Normalized net present value of return on investment:	nNPV=	0.043573

Expected net present value prob x LNPV	ELNPV =	0.01000
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Normalized investment	NIV =	0.0100
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Expected internal rate of return (OTA) (based on solving: prob x LNPV - NIV = 0):	ier =	15.30%
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Check on solver solution:	p x LNPV - NIV =	2.33E-10
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\*\*\*either this answer is correct or the 15.34% found earlier is correct.  
Probably one extra year was included in the discounting so look at jix limits.  
and if need be do the brute force check of listing all the years

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### **Expected Internal Rate of Return**

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#### Introduction

The internal rate of return (IRR) is a better function than net present value (NPV) for evaluating investments with future cash flow because it makes no assumptions about discount rates. Instead, IRR yields the rate of return on a potential investment. If the rate of return is acceptable then the investment can be made. In contrast, to calculate NPV for a potential investment, a discount rate must be assumed.

Both the standard NPV and IRR methods for evaluating potential investments make the critical assumption that future cash flows will be realized with certainty. In the case of drugs in development, there is a good chance the drug will never reach the marketplace, in which case the future cash flows will never be realized. Fortunately for drugs in development, a reasonable set of probabilities and time-lines have been determined for an average drug to reach the marketplace depending on its stage of development. For this situation, the standard expectation function is now the appropriate way of calculating expected return, and discounting of cash flows would begin in the year that sales commence. The internal rate of return that takes into account probabilities that a drug may never reach the marketplace, we dub expected internal rate of return (EIRR).

For a particular drug, there are a number of factors which will affect the dollar-magnitude and shape of the cash flow curve over the years. Specifically,

- ▶ The potential market for the drug.
- ▶ Market penetration for the drug.
- ▶ Years from the point of investment to first sales. This depends on the stage of development of the drug (e.g., stage of clinical trials when the investment is made).
- ▶ Years from the point of investment until maximum sales are reached. Drugs for very serious or fatal or expensive conditions such as sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis and AIDS can ramp up to maximum sales within a year or two. In contrast, drugs for less serious conditions, such as mild asthma, may take several years to fully penetrate the market.
- ▶ Years from the point of investment to expiration of key patents protecting the drug.

Each of these factors can affect significantly NPV, EIRR or any financial measure of investment worthiness for a development-stage drug. For NPV, for example, at a high 40% discount rates typical employed for high risk investments, an error in estimation of even two years to significant sales can make a factor of two difference in the value of the investment ( $1.40^2=1.96$ ). Thus, it is especially important that we estimate as accurately as possible the occurrence over time of the various events discussed above.



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For an investment that bears royalties based on future cash flows, we need to know the profile of sales over time. Several years ago the now-defunct US agency, the Office of Technology Assessment, traced 100 drugs over 32 years from development to the marketplace, and through their years of sales (See Figure 1). This sales vs time profile has been widely adopted to calculate NPV sales for "average" drugs. To account for the fact that many drugs deviate significantly from this average profile, we propose here to account for drugs with different cash-flow properties (discussed in the above bulleted points) by using three linear functions to approximate sales profiles over time:

- (1) A linear ramp up in sales from FDA approval to maximum sales;
- (2) A flat linear function representing maximum sales until key patents expire; and
- (3) A linear decrease in sales after patents expire.

The three-lines approximating the OTA sales data is presented graphically in Figure 2. To demonstrate the precision with which this *three-linear approximation* can estimate EIRR, it was first used to estimate cash flow from the OTA profile for average drugs. Finally, EIRR is determined for drugs with different ramp-up, flat sales, and ramp-down profiles to illustrate the importance of profile on EIRR.

**Example Results**

In Table 1 below comparisons of the three-linear approximation with the OTA sales profile are presented for drugs in preclinical phase and phases I, II and III clinical trials. For the results presented in the Table, the probabilities and time lines are those presented by Ashley Stevens for typical large company new chemical entities (NCE). For each drug, the following financial data was assumed: a potential market of \$500 million; market penetration of 40%; and an investment of \$5 million. Only royalty rate was varied to yield expected internal rates of return between 10% and 20% for each case.

As indicated in Table 1, the three-linear approximation agrees well with the internal rate of return for the OTA Sales Profile. The nearly constant difference between the two (about 0.8%) holds even for internal rates of return well below 10%. For EIRR's around 15%, the three-linear approximation is only 6% different from the OTA profile, which is more than acceptable for these kinds of calculations. Furthermore, the royalty rate that the investor should receive to realize an acceptable EIRR (15% or greater) on the \$5 million investment of this example is greatly dependent on the stage of drug development, ranging from 20% to 2%.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****Table 1. Comparison of Expected Internal Rate of Return Calculated Using the OTA Sales-Over-Time Profile with its Three-Linear Approximation<sup>1</sup>**

Phase of Drug Development	Probability Drug Reaches Marketplace <sup>1</sup>	Years to Market Launch <sup>2</sup>	Assumed Royalty Rate	EIRR from OTA Profile	EIRR from Three-Linear Approximation
Preclinical	0.115	9	20%	14.1%	13.4%
Phase I	0.230	7	10%	16.1%	15.3%
Phase II	0.306	6	8%	17.8%	17.0%
Phase III	0.638	4	2%	14.7%	13.8%

1. In all cases, the following financial data was used: a potential market of \$500 million; market penetration of 40%; and an investment of \$5 million.

2. The probabilities are for drugs in each phase of development; where in the phase is unspecified.

3. In these examples, it was assumed that first sales did not occur until one year after launch, which is consistent with the OTA curve.

In Table II below the ramp-up rate, length of constant sales period and rate of declining sales are varied to illustrate importance of these sales characteristics on internal rate of return. It is clear from the data in Table 2 that the kind of drug--typical or fast-tracked--will have a significant effect on expected internal rate of return, with greater effect on drugs nearer product launch (Phase III).

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**CONFIDENTIAL****Table 2. Illustration of Importance of Sales Curve Characteristics on Expected Internal Rate of Return<sup>1</sup>**

Type of Drug <sup>2</sup> (EIRR) <sup>3</sup>	Clinical Trial Phase	Years from Launch to First Sale	Years from Launch to Maximum Sales	Years from Launch to Expiration of Key Patents	Years from Launch to End of All Sales
Typical Drug (15.3%)	Phase I	1	8	10	20
Fast-tracked Drug (20.7)	Phase I	0	2	10	20
Typical Drug (13.8)	Phase III	1	8	10	20
Fast-tracked Drug (20.4)	Phase III	0	2	10	20

1. In both cases, the following financial data was used: a potential market of \$500 million; market penetration of 40%; and an investment of \$5 million.

2. For the two drugs in Phase I, the probability that it will reach the marketplace is 0.230 and 7 years to product launch, and royalty rate of 10%. For the two drugs in Phase III, the probability that it will reach the marketplace is 0.638 and 4 years to product launch, and royalty rate of 2%.

3. The expected internal rate of return calculated for each drug development case is in parentheses

**Overview of Mathematical Approach**

The internal rate of return (IRR) is a better function than net present value (NPV) for evaluating investments with future cash flow because it makes no assumptions about discount rates. Instead, IRR yields the rate of return on a potential investment. If the rate of return is acceptable then the investment can be made. In contrast, to calculate NPV for a potential investment, a discount rate must be assumed.

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In mathematical terms, for a series of future cash flows  $CF_y$  paid out at the end of years  $y$ , the NPV is a function of the discount rate,  $d$ :

$$NPV(d) = CF_1/(1+d)^1 + CF_2/(1+d)^2 + \dots + CF_n/(1+d)^n = \sum_{y=1}^n CF_y/(1+d)^y \quad (1)$$

where  $n$  is the last year of cash flow.

In the case of drugs in development, the cash flow usually does not begin until some year in the future, so the sum in equation (1) is more generally written:

$$NPV(d) = CF_a/(1+d)^a + CF_{a+1}/(1+d)^{a+1} + \dots + CF_n/(1+d)^n = \sum_{y=a}^n CF_y/(1+d)^y \quad (2)$$

where  $a$  is the first year of cash flow.

For an initial investment  $I$ , the internal rate of return is defined as the discount rate  $r$  that yields an NPV exactly equal to the initial investment. Explicitly,

$$NPV(r) = I \quad (3)$$

or

$$NPV(r) - I = 0 \quad (4)$$

For a series of yearly cash flows  $CF_y$  that do not obey a simple function of  $y$ , IRR must be found by trial and error, that is, by substituting various discount rates  $d$  until the discount rate  $r$  is found for which equations (3) or (4) are obeyed. With the Excel spread sheet the "Solver" function allows for this trial-and-error task to be accomplished in a few seconds. In cases where the  $CF_y$  vary in some simple fashion over years (e.g., constant over years or varies linearly over years), a simple equation for  $r$  can sometimes be derived to eliminate the trial and error estimation procedure.

Both the standard NPV and IRR methods for evaluating potential investments make the critical assumption that future cash flows will be realized with certainty. In the case of drugs in development, there is a good chance the drug will never reach the marketplace, in which case the future cash flows will never be realized. Fortunately for drugs in development, a reasonable set of probabilities and time-lines have been determined for an average drug to reach the marketplace depending on its stage of development.

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For this situation, let  $p$  be the probability that the drug reaches the marketplace and the discounted future cash flow is realized. then  $1-p$  is the probability that the drug fails to reach the marketplace and no cash flow is realized. The standard expectation function is the appropriate way of calculating expected return. Therefore, define an *expected net present value* for discount rate  $d$  as

$$E(d) = p \times NPV(d) - (1-p) \times 0 = p \times NPV(d) \quad (5)$$

(Note when  $p=1$  where return is certain  $E(d)$  is just the standard NPV which is correct, and when  $p=0$  where no return is ever realized,  $E(d) = 0$  indicating no return on the investment which is also correct.)

Further define an *expected internal rate of return* (EIRR) as the discount rate,  $er$ , that makes  $E(d)$  equal to the investment. Specifically,

$$p \times NPV(er) - I = 0 \quad (6)$$

As with IRR, EIRR must be evaluated by trial and error except in special cases where the yearly cash flows follow a simple yearly function.

The discount rate,  $er$ , found from equation (6) is the mathematically proper way of evaluating cash flows where there is some probability  $1-p$  that the return will never be realized.

For an investment,  $I$ , in a basket of drugs, we may define the *total expected net present value*,  $T(d)$ , as the sum for each drug. Specifically for  $j=1, 2, \dots, J$  drugs each with a probability of  $p_j$  of reaching the market place and each with a net present value of  $NPV_j(d)$ , the total expected net present value is given by

$$T(d) = p_1 NPV_1(d) - p_2 NPV_2(d) + p_3 NPV_3(d) + \dots + p_J NPV_J(d) \quad (7)$$

EIRR is then the discount rate,  $er$ , that satisfies the following equation:

$$T(er) - I = 0 \quad (8)$$

For a particular drug, there are a number of factors that will affect the dollar-magnitude and shape of the cash flow curve  $CF_t$  vs  $y$  over the years. Specifically,

- ▶ The potential market for the drug.
- ▶ Market penetration for the drug.
- ▶ Years from the point of investment to first sales. This depends on the stage of development of the drug (e.g., stage of clinical trials when the investment is made).
- ▶ Years from the point of investment until maximum sales are reached. Drugs for very serious or fatal or expensive conditions such as sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis and AIDS



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can ramp up to maximum sales within a year or two as they are desperately needed. In contrast, drugs for less serious conditions, such as mild asthma, may take several years to fully penetrate the market.

- Years from the point of investment to expiration of key patents protecting the drug.

Each of these factors can affect significantly the NPV, EIRR or any financial measure of investment worthiness for a development-stage drug. For NPV, for example, at a high 40% discount rates typical of high risk investments, an error in estimation of even two years to significant sales can make nearly a factor of two difference in the value of the investment ( $1.40^2=1.96$ ). Thus, it is especially important that we estimate as accurately as possible the occurrence over time of the various events discussed above.

For an investment that bears royalties based on future cash flows, we need to know the profile of sales over time. Several years ago the now-defunct US agency, the Office of Technology Assessment, traced 100 drugs over 32 years from development, to the marketplace, and through their years of sales (See Figure 1). This cash flow profile has been widely adopted to calculate NPV sales for "average" drugs. To account for the fact that many drugs deviate significantly from this average profile, we propose here to account for different cash-flow profiles (the above bulleted points) by using three linear functions to approximate sales over time:

- (1) A linear ramp up in sales from FDA approval to maximum sales;
- (2) A flat linear function representing maximum sales until key patents expire; and
- (3) A linear decrease in sales after patents expire.

To test the precision this *three-linear approximation* estimates EIRR, it first will be compared to EIRR calculated from the OTA profile for average drugs. Finally, EIRR will be calculated for drugs with different ramp-up, flat sales, and ramp-down profiles to illustrate the importance of profile on EIRR.

To simplify the calculation task for the three-linear approximation, values of NPV(d) needed to calculate EIRR can be expressed in three closed-form analytic formulae. These closed-form formulae can each be programmed into *one or two* spread-sheet cells, thereby greatly simplifying the calculation task which usually involves listing the cash flow for each future year, discounting each year's cash flow, and then adding the result. The derivations of the closed-form formulae based on the geometric series and its first derivative are presented in Appendix I, and the results are summarized below.

Equation (6) can be rewritten in closed form as

$$mv^2[v \times dS_{n-1}(v)/dv + a S_{n-1}(v)] + bv^3 S_{n-1}(v) = I/p \quad (9)$$

where  $dS_{n-1}(v)/dv$  and  $S_{n-1}(v)$  are given by:

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$$S_{n-a}(v) = (1 - v^{n-a+1})/(1-v) \quad (10)$$

$$dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = [1 - v^{n-a+1} - (1-v)(n-a+1)v^{n-a}]/(1-v)^2 \quad (11)$$

where m and b are the slope and intercept of the linear cash flow, and

$$v = 1/(1+er) \quad (12)$$

For any linearly increasing or decreasing cash flow over time, equation (9) is solved by varying v (using trial and error) until the equation is satisfied, then the expected internal rate of return, er, is simply found by inverting equation (11):

$$er = (1-v)/v \quad (13)$$

Note also that the expression in the left hand side of equation (9) is just the net present value of the cash flow for any discount rate d:

$$NPV(d) = mv(d)^a [v(d) \times dS_{n-a}(v(d))/dv + a S_{n-a}(v(d))] + bv(d)^a S_{n-a}(v(d)) \quad (14)$$

and

$$v(d) = 1/(1+d) \quad (15)$$

Therefore, equation (14) can be used to calculate quickly the NPV for any linear cash flow with any interest rate d.

For a typical drug sales curve where there is:

- A linear ramp-up phase beginning at year j1 and ending at year j2 with slope  $m_r$  and intercept  $b_r$ ,
- A constant maximum sales phase beginning at year j2+1 and ending at year j3 with slope  $m_c=0$  and intercept  $b_c$ , and
- A declining sales phase beginning at year j3+1 and ending at year j4 with slope  $m_d$  and intercept  $b_d$ , then

the total NPV is just the sum of the three linear profiles.

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**Appendix I. Derivation of a closed-form expression for internal rate of return for linear cash flow.**

The expected internal rate of return is given by equation (6)

$$p \times NPV(er) - I = 0 \quad (i)$$

Rearranging gives

$$NPV(er) = I/p \quad (ii)$$

Substituting for NPV in terms of cash flows, equation (2) from the main text:

$$\sum_{y=a}^n CF_y / (1+er)^y = I/p \quad (iii)$$

where a is the year in which the linear cash flow begins and n is the year that it ends.

Now we can make a simplifying substitution to make the sum in equation (iii) look more like the geometric series that it is. Let

$$v = 1/(1+er) \quad (iv)$$

Then

$$1/(1+er)^y = [1/(1+er)]^y = v^y \quad (v)$$

Equation (iii) may now be rewritten

$$\sum_{y=a}^n CF_y \times v^y = I/p \quad (vi)$$

For a cash flow that increases or decreases linearly over the years

$$CF_y = my + b \quad (vii)$$

where m and b are, respectively, slope and intercept of the straight line.

Substituting this linear relationship into equation (vi) yields

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$$\sum_{y=a}^n (my + b) \times v^y = I/p \quad (\text{viii})$$

which may be rewritten as

$$mv^a \sum_{y=0}^{n-a} (y+a) \times v^y + bv^a \sum_{y=0}^{n-a} v^y = I/p \quad (\text{ix})$$

These two sums can be put into closed form using the closed form of the geometric series. The sum of the first  $n-a$  terms of a geometric series  $S_{n-a}(v)$  may be written in open and closed form as:

$$S_{n-a}(v) = 1 + v + v^2 + v^3 + \dots + v^{n-a} = \sum_{y=0}^{n-a} v^y = (1 - v^{n-a+1})/(1-v) \quad (\text{x})$$

so equation (ix) becomes:

$$mv^a \left[ \sum_{y=0}^{n-a} y \times v^y + a S_{n-a}(v) \right] + bv^a S_{n-a}(v) = I/p \quad (\text{xi})$$

The remaining sum in equation (xi) may be expressed in closed form using the derivative with respect to  $v$  of the geometric series of equation (x) as follows:

$$dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = 0 + 1 - 2v + 3v^2 + 4v^3 + \dots + (n-a)v^{n-a-1} \quad (\text{xii})$$

Multiplying this derivative by  $v$  gives exactly the sum in equation (xi):

$$v \times dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = v - 2v^2 + 3v^3 + 4v^4 + \dots + (n-a)v^{n-a} \quad (\text{xiii})$$

which may be expressed in closed form by evaluating

$$v \times dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = v \times d \left[ (1 - v^{n-a+1})/(1-v) \right] / dv \quad (\text{xiv})$$

Evaluating the derivative and simplifying gives

$$v \times dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = v \times [1 - v^{n-a+1} - (1-v)(n-a+1)v^{n-a}] / (1-v)^2 \quad (\text{xv})$$

Equation (ix) may therefore be rewritten as

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$$mv^2[v \times dS_{n-a}(v)/dv + a S_{n-a}(v)] + bv^3 S_{n-a}(v) = I/p \quad (\text{xvi})$$

where the closed form for the geometric series related terms are again:

$$S_{n-a}(v) = (1 - v^{n-a+1})/(1-v) \quad (\text{xvii})$$

and

$$dS_{n-a}(v)/dv = [1 - v^{n-a+1} - (1-v)(n-a+1)v^{n-a}]/(1-v)^2 \quad (\text{xviii})$$

Although this last expression is a bit cumbersome, it will nevertheless fit into a single cell on a spreadsheet.

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**Expected Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Drugs and Development**

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In all the analyses, in place of dollar units, we will carry out all the analyses in terms of units of potential market; that is the potential market for the drug is 1.0 units. This will standardize the analysis and can be easily converted to dollars by multiplying by potential market, investment amount, etc. all in dollars.

*The Office of Technology Assessment's (OTA) sales curve normalized to maximum sales of 1.0 units is given below:*

<u>Years after product launch</u>	<u>Normalized OTA sales</u>	<u>Linear OTA Approximation</u>
1	0	0
2	0.125	0.142857
3	0.297	0.285714
4	0.422	0.428571
5	0.766	0.571429
6	0.844	0.714286
7	0.922	0.857143
8	1	1
9	1	1
10	1	1
11	0.922	0.9
12	0.937	0.8
13	0.859	0.7
14	0.781	0.6
15	0.703	0.5
16	0.578	0.4
17	0.422	0.3
18	0.266	0.2
19	0.125	0.1
20	0	0

UPM = 11.969      LUPM =      10.5 (undiscounted total possible sales)

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*The probability that a drug is launched into the marketplace (sales occur) as a function of stage of development and type of drug:*

For biotechnology drugs:  
(from Stevens, Table 13 and Nicholson and Latham, Table 2)

<u>Stage of development</u>	<u>Probability of launch</u>	<u>Years to product launch</u>
preclinical	0.352096	6
phase I	0.664332	4
phase II	0.7636	3
phase III	0.92	2
NDA filed	1	1
approval/launch	1	0

For NCE's from large pharma  
(from Stevens, Table 10)

<u>Stage of development</u>	<u>Probability of launch</u>	<u>Years to product launch</u>
preclinical	0.11475	
phase I	0.2295	7
phase II	0.306	6
phase III	0.6375	4
NDA filed	0.85	2
approval/launch	1	0

*The equation from which we will determine expected internal rate of return is:*

$$p \times NPV(er) - I = 0$$

where p is the probability that the return is ever realized (probability that the product is launched)

We will solve the above equation by trial and error (or Excel Solver function) to find the er which satisfies the equation.

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*As an example for an average big company NCE:*

Stage of development:	Phase I
prob of launch	p = 0.2295
years to launch	y0 = 7
Potential market (millions):	PM= \$ 500
Market penetration	penet= 40%
Investor's royalty rate	R= 10%

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)	IV= \$ 5.00
investment normalized to potential market	NIV= 0.0100

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*Trial and error determination of er*

The investor' discounted return below takes into account market penetration and royalty rate to the investor.

<u>Years after product launch</u>	<u>Normalized OTA sales</u>	<u>Investor's Discounted Return (OTA)</u>	<u>Linear OTA Approximation</u>	<u>Investor's Discounted Return (lin)</u>
1	0	0	0	0
2	0.125	0.00131	0.142857	0.001587
3	0.297	0.002682	0.285714	0.002753
4	0.422	0.003283	0.428571	0.003582
5	0.766	0.005136	0.571429	0.004142
6	0.844	0.004876	0.714286	0.004491
7	0.922	0.00459	0.857143	0.004674
8	1	0.00429	1	0.00473
9	1	0.003697	1	0.004102
10	1	0.003185	1	0.003558
11	0.922	0.002531	0.9	0.002777
12	0.937	0.002216	0.8	0.002141
13	0.859	0.001751	0.7	0.001625
14	0.781	0.001372	0.6	0.001208
15	0.703	0.001064	0.5	0.000873
16	0.578	0.000754	0.4	0.000606
17	0.422	0.000474	0.3	0.000394
18	0.266	0.000258	0.2	0.000228
19	0.125	0.000104	0.1	9.88E-05
20	0	0	0	0

Normalized net present value	NPV =	0.043573	LNPV=	0.043573
Expected net present value	ENPV =	0.01	LENPV=	0.01

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**Example results comparing OTA sales curve with its linear approximation**A big company NCE

Stage of development:

Phase I

prob of launch

p = 0.2295

years to launch

y0 = 7

Potential market (millions):

PM= \$ 500

Market penetration

penet= 40%

Investor's royalty rate

R= 10%

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)

IV= \$ 5.00

investment normalized to potential market

NIV= 0.0100

OTALinear Approx

Normalized net present value:

NPV = 0.0436

LNPV = 0.0436

Expected net present value

p x (net present value):

ENPV = 0.010

LENPV = 0.0100

er = 16.05%

ler = 15.30%

p x NPV - NIV = -5.6E-08

p x LNPV - NIV = 6.93E-13

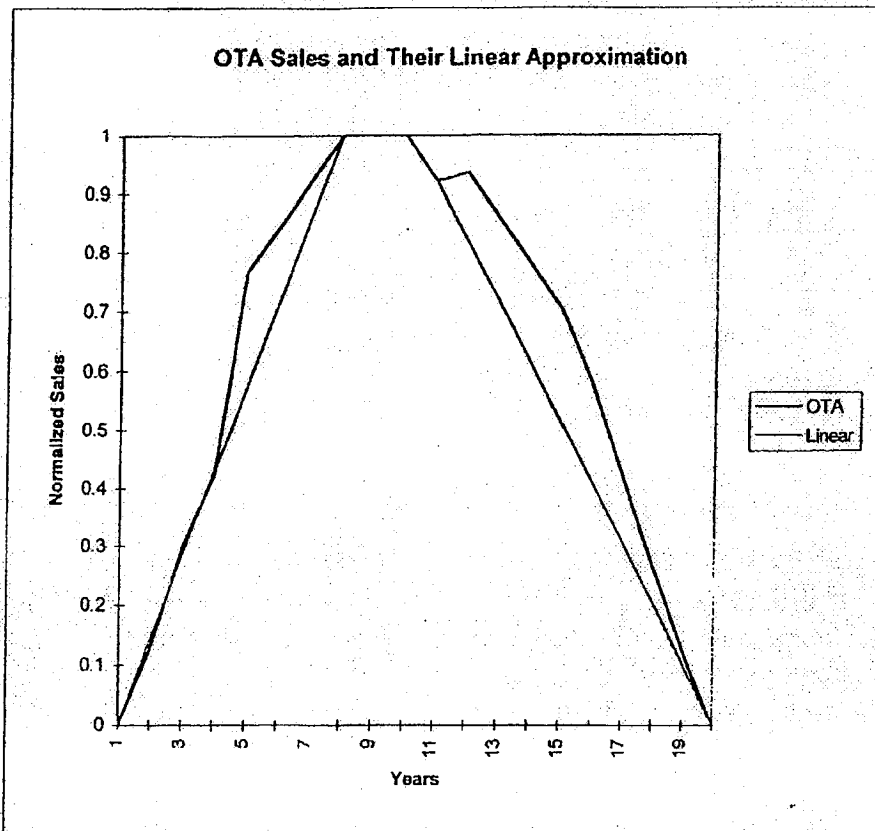
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<u>Years</u>	<u>OTA</u>	<u>Linear</u>
1	0	0
2	0.125	0.142857
3	0.297	0.285714
4	0.422	0.428571
5	0.766	0.571429
6	0.844	0.714286
7	0.922	0.857143
8	1	1
9	1	1
10	1	1
11	0.922	0.922
12	0.937	0.819556
13	0.859	0.717111
14	0.781	0.614667
15	0.703	0.512222
16	0.578	0.409778
17	0.422	0.307333
18	0.266	0.204889
19	0.125	0.102444
20	0	0

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**Example results comparing OTA sales curve with its linear approximation**

A big company NCE

Stage of development:	Preclinical
prob of launch	p = 0.11475
years to launch	y0 = 9

Potential market (millions):	PM = \$ 500
Market penetration	penet = 40%
Investor's royalty rate	R = 20%

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)	IV = \$ 5.00
investment normalized to potential market	NIV = 0.0100

	<u>OTA</u>	<u>Linear Approx</u>
Normalized net present value:	NPV = 0.0871	LNPV = 0.0871
Expected net present value		
p x (net present value):	ENPV = 0.010	LENPV = 0.0100
	er = 14.05%	
	ler = 13.39%	
	p x NPV - NIV = 1.36E-10	
	p x LNPV - NIV = -2.6E-10	

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# Example results comparing OTA sales curve with its linear approximation

## A big company NCE

Stage of development: Phase I  
 prob of launch  $p = 0.2295$   
 years to launch  $y_0 = 7$

Potential market (millions):  $PM = \$ 500$   
 Market penetration  $penet = 40\%$   
 Investor's royalty rate  $R = 10\%$

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)  $IV = \$ 5.00$

investment normalized to potential market  $NIV = 0.0100$

	<u>OTA</u>	<u>Linear Approx</u>
Normalized net present value:	$NPV = 0.0436$	$LNPV = 0.0436$
Expected net present value $p \times$ (net present value):	$ENPV = 0.010$	$LENPV = 0.0100$
	$er = 16.05\%$	
	$ler = 15.30\%$	
$p \times NPV - NIV =$	$-8.5E-10$	
$p \times LNPV - NIV =$	$-2.3E-09$	

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**Example results comparing OTA sales curve with its linear approximation**A big company NCE

Stage of development:	Phase III
prob of launch	$p = 0.6375$
years to launch	$y_0 = 4$

Potential market (millions):	PM= \$ 500
Market penetration	penet= 40%
Investor's royalty rate	R= 2%

Since the sales curve is normalized to 1.0 potential market, we need also to normalize the investment IV to the 1.0 unit potential market

Investment (millions)	IV= \$ 5.00
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investment normalized to potential market	NIV= 0.0100
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	<u>OTA</u>	<u>Linear Approx</u>
Normalized net present value:	NPV = 0.0157	LNPV = 0.0157
Expected net present value		
$p \times$ (net present value):	ENPV = 0.010	LENPV = 0.0100
	er = 14.70%	
	ler = 13.77%	
$p \times$ NPV - NIV =	3.62E-09	
$p \times$ LNPV - NIV =	-7.6E-10	

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## Expected Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Drugs and Development (Using the Linear Model for Sales over Time)

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*This program is designed to calculate expected internal rates of return in terms of units of potential market; that is, the potential market for the drug is normalized to 1.0 units. This will standardize the analysis and can be easily converted to dollars by multiplying by market penetration, royalty percentage, investment amount, etc. all in dollars.*

### Input information

#### Data for development stage drug:

Stage of development:	Phase I	
prob of launch	prob = 0.2295	
years to launch	x0 = 7	
Year after product launch to first sale (usually 0 or 1)	xfirst = 1	
Year from launch that maximum sales are first reached:	xm = 8	
Year from launch that key patents expire:	xp = 10	
Year from launch that sales become effectively \$0	xend = 20	

#### Market/investment information

Potential market (millions):	PM = \$	500
Market penetration	penet =	40%
Investor's royalty rate	Royalty =	10%
Investment (millions)	IV= \$	5.00

#### Results: expected internal rate of return, ler, and other discounted quantities of interest:

Expected internal rate of return:  
(based on solving:  $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} - \text{NIV} = 0$ ):      ler =      15.30%

#### Normalized discounted sales broken down into phases:

ramp up:	0.649008
constant, maximum:	0.191514
ramp down:	<u>0.248802</u>
TOTAL discounted sales:	Tsales = 1.089325

Normalized net present value of  
return on investment ( $\text{penet} \times \text{RR} \times \text{Tsales}$ ):      nNPV= 0.043573

Expected net present value in millions of dollars:  
which must equal initial investment ( $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} \times \text{PM}$ ):      \$ 5.00

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**Determination of expected internal rate of return**

The equation for determining expected internal rate of return is:  $\text{prob} \times \text{NPV}(\text{ler}) - I = 0$   
 where  $p$  is the probability that the return is ever realized (probability that the product is launched)  
 The above equation is solved by trial and error using the Excel Solver function  
 to find the expected internal rate of return,  $\text{ler}$ , which satisfies the equation.

Normalizing the investment,  $IV$ , to the 1.0 unit potential market:

Investment (millions)	$IV = \$$	5.00
Investment normalized to potential market	$NIV =$	0.0100

Normalized discounted sales:	$T_{\text{sales}} =$	1.089325
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Normalized net present value of return on investment ( $\text{penet} \times \text{RR} \times T_{\text{sales}}$ ):	$n\text{NPV} =$	0.043573
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Expected net present value $\text{prob} \times n\text{NPV}$	$EL\text{NPV} =$	0.01000
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Expected internal rate of return (based on solving: $\text{prob} \times n\text{NPV} - NIV = 0$ ):	$\text{ler} =$	15.30%
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to use Excel "Solver" function to find  $\text{ler}$ , the target cell is the cell after the equals sign in the equation below and the solution is obtained by changing  $\text{ler}$ :

Check on solver solution:	$p \times L\text{NPV} - NIV =$	-4.1E-11
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**Details of obtaining the closed form solution**The geometric series factor  $v=1/(1+ler)$ :

$$v = 0.867334$$

**Ramp up period**

Slope of linear curve:

$$rm = 0.142857$$

Intercept of linear curve:

$$rb = -1.142857$$

start of sum (beginning of year of first sales)

$$jj1 = 8$$

end of sum (first year of maximum sales):

$$jj2 = 15$$

Geometric sum:

$$rGsum = 1.640882$$

Geometric derivative sum:

$$rGdsum = 17.67012$$

Normalized, discounted sales

during ramp up period:

$$rsales = 0.649008$$

**Period of constant, maximum sales**

Start of sum (2nd year of constant, maximum sales):

$$jj3 = 16$$

End of sum (year of patent expiration):

$$jj4 = 17$$

$$mGsum = 0.191514$$

Normalized, discounted sales

during maximum, constant sales period

(not including first year of maximum sales):

$$msales = 0.191514$$

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Ramp down period after patent expiration

Slope of linear curve:	em = -0.1000
Intercept of linear curve:	eb = 2.7000
start of sum (beginning of year of first sales)	jj5 = 18
end of sum (first year of maximum sales):	jj6 = 27
Geometric sum:	eGsum = 0.44145
Geometric derivative sum:	eGdsum = 9.431113
Normalized, discounted sales during ramp down period:	esales = 0.248802

Normalized discounted sales broken down into phases:

ramp up:	0.649008
constant, maximum:	0.191514
ramp down:	0.248802
TOTAL discounted sales:	Tsales = 1.089325

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**Tables of probability and years to launch information for drugs in development**

For biotechnology drugs:

(from Stevens, Table 13 and Nicholson and Latham, Table 2)

<u>Stage of development</u>	<u>Probability of launch</u>	<u>Years to product launch</u>
preclinical	0.352096	6
phase I	0.664332	4
phase II	0.7636	3
phase III	0.92	2
NDA filed	1	1
approval/launch	1	0

For NCE's from large pharma

(from Stevens, Table 10)

<u>Stage of development</u>	<u>Probability of launch</u>	<u>Years to product launch</u>
preclinical	0.11475	
phase I	0.2295	7
phase II	0.306	6
phase III	0.6375	4
NDA filed	0.85	2
approval/launch	1	0

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## Expected Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Drugs and Development (Using the Linear Model for Sales over Time)

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### Input information

#### Data for development stage drug:

Stage of development:	Phase I	
prob of launch	prob = 0.2295	
years to launch	x0 = 7	
Year after product launch to first sale (usually 0 or 1)	xfirst = 0	
Year from launch that maximum sales are first reached:	xm = 2	
Year from launch that key patents expire:	xp = 10	
Year from launch that sales become effectively \$0	xend = 20	

#### Market/investment information

Potential market (millions):	PM = \$	500
Market penetration	penet =	40%
Investor's royalty rate	Royalty =	10%
Investment (millions)	IV = \$	5.00

#### Results: expected internal rate of return, ler, and other discounted quantities of interest:

Expected internal rate of return:  
(based on solving:  $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} - \text{NIV} = 0$ ):      ler =    20.67%

#### Normalized discounted sales broken down into phases:

ramp up:	0.29557
constant, maximum:	0.693488
ramp down:	0.100266
TOTAL discounted sales:	Tsales = 1.089324

Normalized net present value of  
return on investment ( $\text{penet} \times \text{RR} \times \text{Tsales}$ ):      nNPV = 0.043573

Expected net present value in millions of dollars:  
which must equal initial investment ( $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} \times \text{PM}$ ):      \$    5.00

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## Expected Internal Rate of Return for Investments in Drugs and Development (Using the Linear Model for Sales over Time)

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*This program is designed to calculate expected internal rates of return in terms of units of potential market; that is, the potential market for the drug is normalized to 1.0 units. This will standardize the analysis and can be easily converted to dollars by multiplying by market penetration, royalty percentage, investment amount, etc. all in dollars.*

### Input information

#### Data for development stage drug:

Stage of development:	Phase II	
prob of launch	prob = 0.306	
years to launch	x0 = 6	
Year after product launch to first sale (usually 0 or 1)	xfirst = 0	
Year from launch that maximum sales are first reached:	xm = 2	
Year from launch that key patents expire:	xp = 10	
Year from launch that sales become effectively \$0	xend = 20	

#### Market/investment information

Potential market (millions):	PM = \$	500
Market penetration	penet =	40%
Investor's royalty rate	Royalty =	10%
Investment (millions)	IV = \$	5.00

#### Results: expected internal rate of return, IRR, and other discounted quantities of interest:

Expected internal rate of return:  
(based on solving:  $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} - \text{NIV} = 0$ ): IRR = 26.05%

#### Normalized discounted sales broken down into phases:

ramp up:	0.255818
constant, maximum:	0.50787
ramp down:	0.053305
TOTAL discounted sales:	Tsales = 0.816993

Normalized net present value of  
return on investment ( $\text{penet} \times \text{RR} \times \text{Tsales}$ ): nNPV = 0.03268

Expected net present value in millions of dollars:  
which must equal initial investment ( $\text{prob} \times \text{nNPV} \times \text{PM}$ ): \$ 5.00

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**ABT-773***Opportunity Overview*

ABT-773 pertains to a promising new class of antibiotics known as ketolides. ABT-773 is likely to have activity against resistant strains of bacteria and will, therefore, compete effectively against currently marketed antibiotics. The compound is currently in Phase II/III trials. Phase III clinical trials began in Q4, 2000. ABT-773 has an expected U.S. launch date in Q1, 2004. Ex-U.S. launches are projected in 2004 for Europe and Japan.

Product features such as high efficacy, activity against resistant strains of bacteria and convenience should enable it to compete against both Zithromax and newer agents such as the quinolones. Dosing is expected to be once-a-day. A 5-day convenience pak at a competitive price will help maximize sales.

*The US Market*

The overall antibiotic market in the U.S. reached \$8.9 billion in sales in 1999. The tab/cap segment is the largest; sales in 1999 were \$5.7 billion. The I.V. and oral suspension segments are comparatively smaller; total sales topped \$2.1 and \$1.1 billion, respectively.

Tab/cap and oral suspension prescription volume had been declining 1-2% per year in the period of 1995-1998, due to more appropriate prescribing in the face of increasing resistance. However, total tab/cap prescription volume recovered in 1999 and grew 6.3%. Even in the face of negative pressure on antibiotic use, dollar sales in the U.S. have continued to increase, particularly in the tab/cap market. This is due to the trend of replacing relatively low-cost generic agents with higher priced premium antibiotics. The market is willing to bear higher costs for agents that satisfy unmet needs. The I.V. market has grown slightly in terms of sales, also being driven largely by the replacement of generic agents with more costly branded agents.

Macrolides, largely fueled by the gains of Zithromax, have seen significant growth in terms of both prescriptions and sales. Zithromax prescriptions far outnumber those of other competitors, while its sales have nearly surpassed those of the sales leader, Cipro. Historically, quinolones saw relatively limited use for community respiratory tract infections (RTIs) because of poor Gram-positive coverage and sub-optimal adverse event profiles. Newer quinolones such as Levaquin have been successful in achieving more widespread use by virtue of its improved activity and adverse event profile. Levaquin currently accounts for approximately 30% of the quinolone market share. It is anticipated that recent quinolone introductions (Avelox, Tequin) will build upon the RTI momentum established by Levaquin. The growth of the macrolide and quinolone classes has come largely at the expense of cephalosporins and generic agents such as erythromycin and penicillin.

The following table shows 1999 tab/cap sales and prescriptions by class/product:

	Sales			TRXs		
	Sales (\$MM)	Share	CAGR <sub>85-99</sub>	TRXs (MM)	Share	CAGR <sub>95-99</sub>
Penicillins	\$148.3	2.6%	-1.0%	52.5	23.7%	-5.6%
Cephalosporins	\$980.9	17.2%	-5.8%	37.9	17.1%	-3.5%
Cefitin	\$383.9	6.7%	1.8%	5.0	2.3%	-1.0%
Cefzil	\$188.7	3.3%	12.5%	2.7	1.2%	11.3%
Other	\$408.3	7.1%	-14.7%	30.1	13.6%	-4.8%
Ext. Spec. Macrolides	\$1,595.6	27.9%	19.9%	36.1	16.3%	20.8%
Blaxin	\$690.5	12.1%	6.1%	11.3	5.1%	1.2%
Zithromax	\$891.1	15.6%	42.1%	24.4	11.0%	41.5%
Other	\$14.0	0.2%	21.0%	0.4	0.2%	53.0%
Quinolones	\$1,622.1	28.4%	17.0%	24.0	10.8%	11.7%
Cipro	\$902.5	15.8%	8.3%	14.1	6.4%	5.1%
Levaquin	\$529.4	9.3%	NA	7.0	3.1%	NA
Other	\$190.2	3.3%	-2.2%	3.0	1.3%	-6.4%
Augmentin	\$778.1	13.6%	17.8%	10.7	4.8%	11.8%
Other Classes	\$590.5	10.3%	-1.1%	60.4	27.3%	-4.1%
TOTAL TAB/CAP	\$5,715.4	100.0%	8.9%	221.5	100.0%	0.1%

*U.S. Market Projections*

Resistance to antibiotics is likely to increase, creating opportunities for new agents with activity against resistance. Physicians will be urged to choose agents with an appropriate spectrum of activity relative to the infection being treated. Resistance will increasingly become part of the promotional mix for emerging agents. The ability of an agent to treat resistant strains and the real or perceived ability to slow or prevent resistance development (mutation prevention concentration, low mutation frequency, structure-activity relationships, etc) may confer competitive advantage to such agents.

- Quinolones, which historically have seen limited use in community-acquired respiratory infections, will become a significant class in this segment as new agents from this class are launched that specifically target RTIs.
- The market will become more competitive as new agents enter both the community segment (ketolides, quinolones) as well as the nosocomial segment (oxazolidinones, streptogramins, everninomycins, peptides, others).
- Several key branded antibiotics will lose patent exclusivity over the next three to five years.. This may create an opportunity in the pediatric market as the top three pediatric brands (Augmentin, Cefzil, Zithromax) are among those losing patent exclusivity.

Antiviral influenza and cold therapeutics, as well as an increasing number of antibacterial vaccines may have a negative impact on antibiotic prescriptions.

*The Ex-U.S. Market*

Ex-U.S. sales of antibiotics totaled \$11.7 billion in 1999. Tab/cap represents the largest segment, with sales of \$9.4 billion from 770 million total prescriptions. Total Rx growth has been flat, with a 1996-99 CAGR of 0.5%. The use of antibiotics is predicted to slowly decline due to more judicious use of antibacterials in the face of increasing bacterial resistance.

Ex-U.S., the quinolone class accounted for 8% of total tab/cap market prescriptions (62 million Rxs) and 13% of sales (\$1.2 billion). Ciprofloxacin is the market leader ex-U.S. with approximately 47% of the quinolone market Rxs (29 million Rxs) and 44% (\$530MM) of sales. Levofloxacin launched in many European markets in 1998/1999 and holds approximately 14% Rx share of the European quinolone market and 0.8% of the overall tab/cap market. Although grepafloxacin and trovafloxacin also launched in some European countries in 1999, both products were recently pulled from the market due to liver toxicity and other complications. Moxifloxacin launched in Germany in Q4 1999, but has not yet been approved in other markets. In Japan, levofloxacin launched in 1994 and still commands a 65% Rx share of the quinolone market and 10% of the Japanese tab/cap market overall. Japan accounts for approximately 80% of ex-U.S. levofloxacin sales (\$370MM).

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*Scientific Rationale for ABT-773*

The likely profile of ABT-773 justifies further development:

- ABT-773 pertains to a new class of antibiotics.
- Good activity against resistant Gram + organisms, particularly macrolide-resistant *S. pneumoniae*.
- Convenience, safety, and tolerability profile competitive with Z-pak.
- Oral Suspension and I.V. forms enabling penetration into pediatrics and hospital segments.

*Clinical Studies*

The safety and efficacy of ABT-773 in AECB were studied in a multi-center Phase II clinical trial conducted between January and April of 1999. Dosing regimens of 100mg TID and 200mg TID were tested. Of the 169 enrolled patients, 159 were clinically evaluable and 96 were both clinically and bacteriologically evaluable. The following chart summarizes the results.

Bacterial Eradication	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	Overall Eradication
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	100% (13/13)	90% (9/10)	96% (22/23)
<i>M. catarrhalis</i>	100% (6/6)	100% (7/7)	100% (13/13)
<i>H. influenzae</i>	96% (23/24)	92% (24/26)	92% (47/50)
<i>H. parainfluenzae</i>	100% (6/6)	88% (7/8)	93% (13/14)

Clinical Response	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID
Cure	96% (77/80)	92% (73/79)
Failure	4% (3/80)	8% (6/79)

Clinical and Bacterial Response	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID
Cure	96% (46/48)	94% (45/48)
Failure	4% (2/48)	6% (3/48)

Adverse Events	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	Overall
Taste Perversion	5% (4/84)	8% (7/85)	6.5% (11/169)
Diarrhea	11% (9/84)	6% (5/85)	8% (14/169)
Nausea	2% (2/84)	2% (2/85)	2% (4/169)
Abdominal Pain	1% (1/84)	2% (2/85)	2% (3/169)
Headache	2% (2/84)	1% (1/85)	2% (3/169)
Rash	2% (2/84)	1% (1/85)	2% (3/169)
Dyspnea	2% (2/84)		1% (2/169)
Elev. Liver Funct. Test	1% (1/84)	1% (1/85)	1% (2/169)
Fever		2% (2/85)	1% (2/169)

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The safety and efficacy of ABT-773 in AECB were studied in a multi-center Phase IIb clinical trial from October 1999 to March 2000. Doses of 150mg QD, 300mg QD, and 600mg QD were tested. Of the enrolled subjects, 342 were clinically evaluable, and 169 were both clinically and bacteriologically evaluable. The following chart summarizes the results.

Bacterial Eradication	ABT-773 150mg QD		ABT-773 300mg QD		ABT-773 600mg QD		Overall Eradication	
<i>S.pneumoniae</i>	83%	(10/12)	90%	(9/10)	100%	(13/13)	91%	(32/35)
<i>M.catarrhalis</i>	80%	(8/10)	92%	(12/13)	91%	(10/11)	88%	(30/34)
<i>H. influenzae</i>	94%	(17/16)	89%	(17/19)	83%	(19/23)	88%	(53/60)
<b>Clinical Response</b>								
Cure	87%	(98/113)	90%	(105/117)	90%	(101/112)		
Failure	13%	(15/113)	10%	(12/117)	10%	(11/112)		
<b>Clinical &amp; Bacteriological Response</b>								
Cure	84%	(42/50)	88%	(49/56)	94%	(59/63)		
Failure	16%	(8/50)	12%	(7/56)	6%	(4/63)		
<b>Adverse Events</b>								
Taste Perversion	5%	(4/84)	19%	(25/129)	29%	(37/129)	17%	(66/384)
Diarrhea	13%	(16/126)	12%	(15/129)	21%	(27/129)	15%	(58/384)
Nausea	7%	(9/126)	13%	(17/129)	30%	(38/129)	17%	(64/384)
Vomiting	2%	(3/126)	3%	(4/1229)	11%	(14/129)	5%	(21/384)
Nausea & Vomiting	0	(0/126)	<1%	(1/129)	4%	(5/129)	2%	(6/384)
Abdominal Pain	4%	(5/126)	4%	(5/129)	4%	(5/129)	4%	(15/384)

The safety and efficacy of ABT-773 in Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (ABS) were studied in a multi-center Phase IIb clinical trial conducted from October 1999 to March 2000. Dosing regimens of 150mg QD, 300mg QD, and 600mg QD were tested. Of the 292 enrolled subjects, 246 were clinically evaluable. The following chart summarizes the results.

Bacterial Eradication	ABT-773 150mg QD		AB T-773 300mg QD		ABT-773 600mg QD		Overall Eradication	
<i>S.pneumonia</i>	3/3		8/8		9/12		20/23	
<i>M. catarrhalis</i>	8/9		3/4		4/4		15/17	
<i>H. influenzae</i>	3/5		7/7		5/7		15/19	
<i>S.aureus</i>	1/1		1/1		3/4		5/6	
<b>Clinical Response</b>								
Cure	89%	(70/79)	83%	(70/84)	71%	(59/83)		
Failure	11%	(9/79)	17%	(14/84)	29%	(24/83)		
<b>Adverse Events</b>								
Taste Perversion	1%	16/97	14%	(14/98)	27%	(26/97)	14%	(41/292)
Diarrhea	6%	(6/97)	6%	(6/98)	17%	(16/97)	10%	(28/292)
Nausea	3%	(3/97)	12%	(12/98)	26%	(25/97)	14%	(40/292)
Vomiting	1%	(1/97)	6%	(6/98)	17%	(16/97)	8%	(23/292)

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The safety and efficacy of ABT-773 in community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) were studied in a multi-center Phase IIb clinical trial from October 1999 to March 2000. Dosing regimens of 300mg QD and 600mg QD were tested. Of the 187 enrolled subjects, 1248 were clinically evaluable, and 15 were both clinically and bacteriologically evaluable. The following chart summarizes the results.

Bacterial Eradication	ABT-773 300mg QD		ABT-773 600mg QD		Overall Eradication	
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	87%	(13/15)	100%	(7/7)	91%	(20/22)
<i>M. catarrhalis</i>	75%	(6/8)	50%	(2/4)	67%	(8/12)
<i>H. influenzae</i>	100%	(9/9)	72%	(13/18)	81%	(22/27)
<i>M. pneumoniae</i>	93%	(13/14)	93%	(14/15)	93%	(27/29)
<i>C. pneumoniae</i>	95%	(19/20)	79%	(19/24)	86%	(38/144)
<i>L. pneumoniae</i>	100%	(3/3)	100%	(2/2)	100%	(5/5)
<b>Clinical Response</b>						
Cure	92%	(72/78)	80%	(56/70)		
Failure	8%	(6/78)	20%	(14/70)		
<b>Clinical &amp; Bacterial Response</b>						
Cure	92%	(54/59)	82%	(47/57)		
Failure	8%	(5/59)	18%	(10/57)		
<b>Adverse Events</b>						
Taste Perversion	17%	(16/95)	26%	(24/92)	21%	(40/187)
Diarrhea	14%	(13/95)	19%	(17/92)	16%	(30/187)
Nausea	12%	(11/95)	22%	(20/92)	17%	(31/187)
V omitting	10%	(9/95)	15%	(14/92)	12%	(23/187)

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Key Emerging Competitors

Generic	Brand	Company	Class	Status
moxifloxacin	Avelox	Bayer	Quinolone	Approved by FDA 12/13/00
gatifloxacin	Tequin	BMS	Quinolone	Approved by FDA 12/21/00
gemifloxacin	Factive	SKB	Quinolone	Filed NDA 12/15
T-3811	TBD	BMS/Toyama	Quinolone	Phase I
telithromycin	Ketek	Aventis	Ketolide	Filed NDA 3/00
linezolid	Zyvox	Pharmacia	Oxazolidinone	Approved by FDA Q2 '00

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## ABT-627

### Opportunity Overview

ABT-627 is an orally bioavailable endothelin antagonist with a high selectivity for the Eta receptor. The endothelins (ET-1, ET-2, ET-3) are a family of 21 amino acid peptides first identified in 1988. Endothelin is a potent, long acting vasoconstrictor produced by vascular endothelial cells. The known biological effect of ET-1 are believed to be mediated principally through the Eta receptor. These include potent and uniquely sustained vasoconstriction of vascular smooth muscle, positive inotropy of myocardium, and the stimulation of cell proliferation or the hypertrophy in vascular smooth muscle cells, cardiac myocytes, and fibroblasts.

In vitro studies in cultured cells have established that ABT-627 selectively binds to the Eta receptor, and that ABT-627 is a potent inhibitor of ET-1 binding to the Eta receptor.

Studies in cultured human prostate cancer cells and other cultured cells have shown that ABT-627 acts as a functional antagonist of ET-1, and these effects have been confirmed in vivo by assessing the effect of ABT-627 on the ET-1 induced pressor response in rats. Further animal studies have suggested that oral ABT-627 may be effective in the treatment of congestive heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, hypertension, arterial restenosis, and myocardial infarction.

In addition to literature and animal models supporting the role of endothelin antagonists in cardiovascular indications, data exists supporting the role of the ET-1 cytokine as a pathogenic mediator in cancer.

The current role of endothelin in the manifestations of metastatic prostate cancer (PCA) and other tumors have yet to be fully defined. However, Abbott scientists and thought leaders have made multiple observations about endothelin biology which suggest that endothelin may play a role in the biology and pathophysiology of metastatic prostate disease and other metastatic disease such as ovarian, cervical and renal tumors

ABT-627 has successfully completed Phase II trials for PCA, and the results demonstrate efficacy in hormone refractory PCA. The end of Phase II meeting with the FDA was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The data from Phase II was very favorably received and "best package" comments were made. Fast track designation and rolling NDA were granted. The FDA was conceptually in agreement with preliminary design of Phase III clinicals and clinical end points to measure. While not a dictate, a second Phase III trial will likely be conducted to insure the best opportunity for a successful outcome. The Phase III program is scheduled to commence before year-end. It is expected that filing on ABT 627 will occur in US and ex-US 1Q 2004. The compound is also in Phase I trials for other cancer types. Phase II studies in other cancer types will commence in 2Q01. Other indications outside of oncology are also being considered, to optimize the commercial potential of this asset.

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### The US Market

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer to strike nonsmoking men. The NCI estimates that there are over 1.7 million men living with prostate cancer in the U.S., and another 179,300 will be diagnosed in 1999. Nearly 80% of these cases are men over 60 years of age. It is estimated that the prevalence of prostate cancer is 380,000 in Western Europe and 45,000 in Japan. While the vast majority of these patients will be identified with potentially curable disease (25% in Stage I and 50% in Stage II) in the U.S., half of these patients will go undiagnosed until late stage disease in W. Europe and Japan. The skewed distribution of diagnosed cases ex-U.S. is largely due to less aggressive prostate cancer screening programs compared to the U.S.

Prostate cancer has seen few additions or innovations in treatment regimens in the past two decades. Treatments remain, in general, radical prostatectomy (RP) for localized disease, radiotherapy for locally advanced disease and hormone therapy for advanced disease. Patients receiving hormone therapy become refractory to this treatment after two to three years, although many will continue on hormone therapy. These hormone refractory prostate cancer (HRPCa) patients usually have a life expectancy of approximately 12 months, and no existing standard of care exists for treating these patients. No therapy has shown a significant impact on survival in these patients, although some chemotherapeutic regimens may offer promise.

There is a general trend toward using hormone therapy in earlier stage patients. In some centers, patients are receiving hormone therapy prior to surgery or radiation, in an attempt to improve outcomes in these definitive treatments. Some thought leaders suggest that this earlier utilization has contributed to the overall mortality improvements in PCA. Studies are ongoing looking at different uses for hormone therapy, including intermittent therapy, in an attempt to improve outcomes and mitigate the morbidity associated with hormonal therapy.

Hormone therapy remains the mainstay of prostate cancer treatment in earlier stages. Chemotherapy, however, has gained additional attention in hormone refractory disease as new combinations and regimens offer the potential for greater therapeutic benefit with fewer side-effects. This trend will take several years before clinical trials are completed and community based oncologists adopt these regimens, so the current cytotoxic market in PCA is small.

The total dollar growth of this market has slowed as the two market leaders, Lupron (leuprolide/TAP) and Zoladex (goserelin/Zeneca), have experienced increased price pressures from managed care and Medicare. About half the states are currently reimbursing these therapies at a least cost option (only paying for the cheapest alternative), putting downward price pressures on Lupron (\$6,500/yr) to match Zoladex's (\$4,500/yr) lower price point. Thus, US Lupron dollar sales declined between 1997 and 1998, despite an increase in patient volume.

Growth has also stagnated due to a lack of innovation in this hormone dominated category. There have been few therapeutic advances in the treatment of PCA in the last 5 years.

The only chemotherapy approved for use in HRPCa patients with pain is Novantrone (mitoxantrone/Immunex), but the marginal benefits this compound delivers is deeply undercut by its severe toxicities and a lifetime cap on dose. Novantrone and steroids significantly reduced the metastatic pain in 40% of patients, but it does not appear to provide a survival advantage. Novantrone is dosed by i.v. infusion every 21 days, at a cost of \$560 per treatment, or an annual cost of around \$8,000. Use of this agent is associated with significant side-effects, including myelosuppression, cardiac toxicity (which limits dosing) and nausea. It is this negative side-effect profile that inhibits the use of this agent in more patients. Only about 4% of U.S. HRPCa patients received Novantrone therapy in 1998. Novantrone has not been approved ex-US.

Only about 17% of HRPCa patients received any chemotherapy in 1998. The most common drugs included estramustine, paclitaxel and etoposide. These drugs continue to be some of the most studied compounds in HRPCa ongoing research and represent the greatest short-term promise in the cytotoxic treatment of this advanced disease state.

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## US Sales of Products to Treat Prostate Cancer

Product	1997 Dollar Sales (MM)	1998 Dollar Sales (MM)	% chng '97-'98
Lupron (leuprolide/TAP)	\$650	\$667	2.6%
Zoladex (goserelin/Zeneca)	233	296	27.3
Casodex (bicalutamide/Zeneca)	58	68	17.24
Eulixen (flutamide/Schering)	74	67	-9.5
Novantrone (mitoxantrone/Immunex)	33	35	6.1
Nilandrone (nilutamide/Hoechst)	12	24	100
Emcyt (estramustine/Pharmacia/Upjohn)	8	14	75
Taxol (paclitaxel/BMS)	4	8	100
VePesid (etoposide/BMS)	5	4	-20
Others	27	31	14.8
Total	1,104	1,214	10%

Source: Tandem Research and Price Probe

## US Market Projections

- Novantrone (mitoxantrone/Immunex) is currently the only product approved for the treatment of hormone refractory PCA with pain. It currently falls short on the market needs in terms of efficacy and side-effect profile.

Attribute	Novantrone Profile
Dosing	I.V. infusion cycles
Cost	Expensive, ~\$10,000/yr
Efficacy	Provides marginal improvements in quality of life
Reimbursed	Yes
Side-effects	Dose limiting toxicities
Promo Efforts	108 oncology reps
Targets	Oncologists

Several surveys indicate that there are over 100 compounds in preclinical and clinical development for prostate cancer and various solid tumors. The compounds listed in the appendix represent compounds that appear to offer the greatest promise and/or potential for competition for ABT-627. However, since the most likely use of ABT-627 will be in combination with best therapy, it is difficult to define the extent of competitive threat that any of these compounds represent. In general, other cytostatic agents probably offer the greatest threat as a replacement for ABT-627. However, even other cytostatic agents may be combined to maximize the activity of the various mechanisms.

To date, PPD is aware of only one other endothelin receptor antagonist in development for cancer, from Yamanouchi, which began Phase I studies in the Fall of 1999. ABT-627 is still poised to be the first endothelin receptor antagonist to reach the market for oncology.

*Scientific Rationale for ABT-627*

There are relatively low hurdles for entry for a product to treat hormone refractory prostate cancer, as no truly effective agents presently exists. Quality of life is paramount in this population, followed by improvements in disease progression and survival. Quality of life parameters could include an impact on pain/or delay in pain onset or other performance type measures of daily activities. As all hormone therapy ultimately fails, a product that delays disease progression is needed.

Unmet Need	Pipeline Impact
Improvements in QOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABT-627's profile goal is to provide improvements to a patient's QOL or blunt a decrease in QOL</li> <li>Cytotoxic agents rarely have significant positive impacts on QOL</li> <li>Other cytostatic agents may offer this benefit</li> </ul>
Improvements in survival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is unlikely that improvements in survival will be seen in our current trials</li> <li>Cytotoxic agents may offer a survival advantage, perhaps in combination with ABT-627</li> </ul>
Improvements in time to disease progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cytostatic and cytotoxic agents offer the greatest promise for this benefit</li> </ul>

Our objective is to provide physicians and patients with a novel option for the treatment of hormone refractory prostate cancer, distinguish ABT-627 from current cytotoxic therapies and encourage the treatment of advanced prostate cancer patients currently only receiving hormonal therapy.

ABT-627 will be positioned as a physician and patient-friendly choice for advanced prostate cancer patients who have failed hormone therapy. ABT-627's novel mechanism of action provides a delay in disease progression and a positive impact on QOL. The oral, QD dosing enhances compliance and minimizes disruptions to daily living.

The message will focus on 3 key attributes:

- Efficacy (defined as increased time to tumor progression) in a patient group with few options
- Improvements in quality of life
- Convenience

Physicians no longer have to choose between *treating* advanced prostate cancer patients and a patient's quality of life. ABT-627 has a positive impact on disease progression and symptoms associated with quality of life, without the baggage of significant side-effects or the inconvenience of parenteral administration associated with current therapy choices.

This message expresses the key features of the agent in terms of patient benefits, as opposed to emphasizing the scientific/clinical aspects. Since prostate cancer is a terminal disease with a relatively long time for disease progression, the quality of a patient's life becomes even more critical. Especially in cancer treatment, where the therapy can often feel worse than the disease, the benefits that ABT-627 will bring, coupled with its benign side-effect profile, will have a significant impact on prostate cancer patients' lives.



### Clinical Studies

Phase II trials have been completed and the data are being analyzed. Preliminary results for the primary endpoint of time-to-disease progression and the secondary endpoint of time-to-PSA progression show that ABT-627 favorably delays both phenomena with a benign adverse event profile. The results are summarized below:

**Disease Progression:** The delay in median time-to-disease progression for evaluable subjects was improved by 52% and 43% for the 10mg and 2.5mg doses respectively over the placebo time-to-disease progression of 4.3 months.

**Time-to-PSA Increase:** A 150% and 150% improvement in median time-to-PSA progression for evaluable subjects was observed for the 10mg and 2.5mg doses respectively over the time-to-PSA progression placebo of 2 months.

Significant dose related decreases were observed in markers of metastatic bone disease.

### Key Prostate Cancer Competitors

Product	Company	Phase	Projected NDA Filing	Description	Anticipated impact on ABT-627
AG 3340	Agouron	III	2000	MMPi	In combination with mitoxantrone/prednisone. Unknown impact.
Marimastat	British Biotech	II	2001	MMPi	Side-effect profile significantly worse than ABT-627. Probably minimal impact.
SU 101	Sugen	I/II	2002	PDGF TK antagonist	Phase III in combination with mitoxantrone set to start in 1999. Uncertain impact.
AR 623	Aronex	II	2002	All-transretinoic acid	IV liposomal form of ATRA. HRPc trial began November 1998. Probably additive.
MGI 114	MGI Pharma	II	2002	Alkylating agent	Lead compound in acylfulvenes. Fairly toxic. Probably additive.
Liposomal Encapsulated doxorubicin	NeoPharm and P&U/Alza and others	II	2002	Anthracycline	Various forms being developed by various companies. Probably additive.
Sataraplatin	BMS	III	2000	Platinum complex	Oral platinum analog w/toxicities comparable to carboplatin. Probably additive.
Taxol	BMS	II	2001	taxane	In various combinations with other chemo agents. Probably additive.
Taxotere	RPR	II	2001	taxane	In various combinations with other chemo agents. Probably additive.

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**ABT-594 Opportunity Overview**

ABT-594 is a non-opioid, non-NSAID analgesic that is a potent and selective neuronal nicotinic receptor (NNR) agonist being studied for the treatment of pain. ABT-594 is 30 to 100-fold more potent and equally efficacious to morphine in several well-characterized animal models of pain. The preclinical side effect and dependency liability profile of ABT-594 is superior to that of morphine.

ABT-594 is orally administered, and BID dosing is expected. Its initial targeted indication is symptomatic treatment of diabetic neuropathic pain. It is covered by a composition of matter patent through June of 2016, and also has a use patent pending in analgesia that would provide protection through September of 2017.

The IND filing of ABT-594 was in December 1998. A Phase IIb (dose ranging) trial began April 2000 in diabetic neuropathic pain. A Go/No Go decision for clinical efficacy is expected June 2001. The NDA filing is expected in 3Q2003. Development of additional formulations is under consideration (parenteral, transdermal, extended-release).

U.S. sales in 1999 for the key neuropathic pain treatments, Neurontin, carbamazepine, and tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs), are estimated to be \$350 million. Neurontin sales account for the bulk of this, with an estimated 40% of this antiepileptic drug's sales being for neuropathic pain. Neurontin's 2000 sales are expected to reach \$1 billion with perhaps 50% of its use in neuropathic pain. This dollar market value likely underestimates this market's potential due to a number of factors. Only the anticonvulsant, Tegretol (carbamazepine), currently off patent, and Lidoderm, a lidocaine patch, have specific indications for a type of neuropathic pain (trigeminal neuralgia and post-herpetic neuralgia, respectively) in the U.S. Currently, there is an unmet market need for novel neuropathic pain treatments such as ABT-594. Therefore, this compound is likely to be well received in this arena. Outside the U.S., Neurontin recently received an indication in the U.K. for the treatment of neuropathic pain. Despite these opportunities, there has been little to no funding from the pharmaceutical industry to improve diagnosis and treatment of neuropathic pain and drive market growth.

Ex-U.S. sales of carbamazepine and Neurontin for treatment of neuropathic pain are estimated to be approximately \$140MM in 1999. Carbamazepine is still the treatment of choice ex-U.S., with estimated sales of approximately \$90MM in neuropathic pain. Neurontin has achieved only \$53MM in sales for this pain segment, with a price approximately 3-4 times that of carbamazepine, suggesting a patient share of only 10-20%.

Nociceptive pain is categorized by duration (acute or chronic) and by severity (mild, moderate, and severe). The mild and, to a lesser extent, moderate segments have multiple product entries and are generally well satisfied by OTC products such as aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen. The prescription market for nociceptive pain is made up of four key classes of analgesics: NSAIDs, COX-2s, Opioids (and combination products), and Other Non-Opioids. In 1999, sales for these four classes of analgesics exceeded \$12BB (\$6.7BB U.S., \$5.6BB Ex-U.S.)

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**Market Size / Prevalence**

Pain is the most common symptom of disease and the most frequent complaint with which patients present to physicians. Chronic pain, including both neuropathic and nociceptive pain, is considered to be the single most common cause of suffering and disability in the industrialized world with an estimated 25-30% of the population experiencing some form of chronic pain.

Neuropathic pain is a frequent sequela of diabetes, cancer, AIDS and other viral infections, as well as entrapment neuropathies such as carpal tunnel syndrome. Diabetes and its associated complications are increasing at an alarming rate in the United States. Despite advances in treatment, the development of diabetic complications such as neuropathy remains significant. The diagnosed prevalence of diabetic neuropathy is estimated to be about 2 to 3 million patients, with at least 10 to 20% of those patients experiencing painful symptoms (~200,000 to 600,000.) AIDS-related neuropathic pain is estimated to affect approximately 40% of HIV-infected individuals (~14 million.) Post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN) is another virally induced neuropathic pain syndrome. Annually, acute herpes zoster infection (shingles) occurs in almost a quarter of a million people over the age of 60 in the U.S. alone. Pain lasting more than one year has been reported in 22% of patients over the age of 55 and in 48% of those over 70 years of age. In cancer, nerves can be damaged by mechanical distortion from a tumor mass, infiltration by tumor, chemotherapy, or radiation therapy and, therefore, neuropathic pain is common. An estimate of the prevalence rate for cancer-related neuropathic pain in the U.S. is 200,000 people.

Chronic nociceptive pain categories include osteoarthritis (OA), chronic back and neck pain, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), and cancer pain. These diagnoses are expected to become more prevalent as the population ages. Current overall prevalence for these disorders is staggering (over 200 million worldwide) and, although the diagnosed and treated populations are lower, improved treatment options and awareness have the potential to drive significant growth. OA is one of the most common nociceptive pain conditions treated by primary care physicians and three-fourths of OA sufferers surveyed indicate that the disease interferes with their daily activities. Chronic back and neck pain are also highly prevalent and represent an estimated 40% of a primary care physician's (PCP's) chronic pain patient population.

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**Competition, Current Marketed Products:**

The following tables show the factored U.S. and ex-U.S. prescription and sales volume for key neuropathic pain therapies in 1999.

1999 Key Neuropathic Pain Products, Estimated TRxs				
Product/Class	1999 U.S. TRx (MM)	U.S. TRx CAGR '97-'99	1999 ex-U.S. TRx (MM)	ex-U.S. TRx CAGR '97-'99
Neurontin	3.3	26.3%	N/A	N/A
carbamazepine	1.0	12.6%	N/A	N/A
TCAs	8.2	1.1%	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Source: IMS, factored for neuropathic uses.				
N/A = not available				

1999 Key Neuropathic Pain Products, Estimated \$ Sales				
Product/Class	1999 U.S. Sales (\$MM)	U.S. Sales CAGR '97-'99	1999 ex-U.S. Sales (\$MM)	ex-U.S. Sales CAGR '97-'99
Neurontin	\$308	28.7%	\$53	57.6%
carbamazepine	\$17	13.1%	\$87	2.5%
TCAs	\$26	-3.3%	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$351</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>\$140</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Source: IMS, factored for neuropathic uses; Ex-U.S. data includes retail pharmacy data from all audited markets				
N/A = not available				

**Competition, Products in Development**

Almost 100 compounds are currently in development for prescription pain management, though some of these compounds are also being developed for non-analgesic indications. Most of the analgesic compounds in the pipeline represent incremental improvements over the opioids or NSAIDs, or consist of new formulations or delivery mechanisms for the standard analgesics. Fewer than 30% of the compounds in development have novel mechanisms of action. Drugs with novel mechanisms are expected to provide the bulk of promoted competition for ABT-594.

In addition to the novel analgesics in the table below, a number of new formulation and combination products, most often containing an opioid, are in development. Second generation COX-2s are also in development but are not likely to represent major breakthroughs on the scale of the first generation products.

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Analgesia Development Pipeline – Key Novel Agents				
Product	Company	Mechanism	Phase	Comments
pregabalin	Pfizer	Unknown; possibly through (2 <sup>nd</sup> subunit binding	III	Neuropathic pain; chronic pain, follow-up to Neurontin
saredutant	Sanofi	NK-2 receptor antagonist	II	General pain; MOA losing favor; active program
ZD4952, ZD 6416	Zeneca	Prostaglandin receptor antagonist	II	Moderate to severe pain, neurogenic pain
GV196771	Glaxo	Glycine antagonist	II	Chronic pain; showing promise
Tepoxalin	Johnson & Johnson	COX/5-LO inhibitor	II	OA, described as 'steroid replacing anti-inflammatory drug'
darbufelone	Parke-Davis	COX/5-LO inhibitor	II	General pain
117mSn DTPA	Brookhaven National Lab/Diatide	Unknown	II	Cancer pain Bone cancer (preclinical)
cizelirtine	Esteve	Substance P agonist	II	Analgesia, antipyretic
ADD 234037/ harkoseride	Houston University	Glycine NMDA associated antagonist	II	Neurogenic pain
LY303870/ lanepitant	Eli Lilly	Neurokinin 1 antagonist	II	Pain (migraine – discontinued)
colykade devacade	Merck	Cholecystokinin B antagonists	II	Pain (UK)
RPR 100893 dapitant	Aventis	Neurokinin 1 antagonist	II	Pain (France)
prosaptide TX14A	Myelos Neurosciences	Unknown	I/II	Diabetic neuropathies, Pain
CNS 5161	Cambridge NeuroScience	Glutamate antagonist, NMDA receptor antagonist	I	Neurogenic pain
HCT-3012	NicOx	Nitric oxide NSAID	I	Pain and inflammation
Sources: ADIS, IMS, Decision Resources, company reports				

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Analgesia Development Pipeline – Nicotinic Mechanisms			
Product	Company	Phase	Comments
GTS-21	Taisho	II	Target is Alzheimer's disease; may have preclinical pain program; looking for partner
CMI 980	Cytomed	Preclinical	Target is pain; epibatidine analog
SIB-T1887	Sibia	Preclinical	Target is pain
FID 072021	Fidia	Preclinical	Target is pain; not actively funding
Sources: ADIS, IMS, company reports			

#### Unmet Needs

In general, a significant unmet need exists for safer, non-abusable, non-addicting, non-tolerance-producing, and non-scheduled efficacious oral and parenteral analgesic products for the treatment of moderate to severe neuropathic and chronic nociceptive pain.

Unmet Market Needs and the Impact of the Pipeline	
Unmet Need	Pipeline Impact
Efficacy in moderate to severe pain without tolerance, dependence or abuse potential	Novel nicotinic agents like ABT-594 may provide efficacy in more severe pain states without opioid-like liabilities.
Efficacy in neuropathic pain	Pregabalin may provide incremental improvement in neuropathic pain efficacy over gabapentin, but may also have increased frequency of adverse events.  Novel nicotinic agents like ABT-594 appear to have efficacy in neuropathic pain, based on animal models.
Reduction in the GI bleeding risk of NSAIDs	COX-2 inhibitors appear to reduce the incidence and severity of GI ulcers and bleeding; second generation COX-2s may increase therapeutic window further; ABT-594 may need to demonstrate low G.I. complication rate.
Overcome ceiling effect of NSAIDs	Preclinical studies did not indicate a ceiling effect for novel nicotinic agents like ABT-594.
Extended dosage intervals or novel delivery mechanisms for improved compliance and convenience	Once weekly dosing formulations being explored for COX-2s, etc. Transdermal patch technology improvements likely; may need to provide line-extension / alternate formulations for ABT-594.
Therapies aimed at disease modification, prevention	Agents that decrease rate of diabetic complications (e.g., aldose reductase inhibitors) or directly treat neuropathy (bimocloamol) may decrease incidence of neuropathic pain; thereby decreasing available market for ABT-594.

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### *Product / Development Background*

#### *Scientific Rationale for ABT-594*

Recent findings in the understanding of pain mechanisms have led to new conceptual approaches to clinical pain and a new understanding of potential novel molecular targets for analgesic drug development. Molecular targets have included modulators of glutamate neurotransmission (NMDA antagonists), ion channel modulators (neuron specific calcium channels, TTX-resistant sodium channels), neurokinin antagonists (NK-1), and novel anti-epileptics targeting the calcium receptor. None of these approaches has yet produced compounds exhibiting broad-spectrum analgesic efficacy with decreased side effect liability.

ABT-594 is a non-opioid, non-NSAID analgesic that is 30- to 100-fold more potent and equally efficacious to morphine in treating moderate to severe pain in several well-characterized animal models of pain. The preclinical side effect and dependence liability profile of ABT-594 is superior to that of morphine. Mechanistically, ABT-594 is a potent and selective neuronal nicotinic receptor (NNR) agonist with high oral bioavailability in rat, dog, and monkey.

In pre-clinical studies, ABT-594 rapidly distributes to the brain following systemic administration and, like morphine, can work at multiple levels in the central and peripheral nervous system to modulate pain perception. ABT-594 produces antinociceptive effects by interacting at both central and peripheral nAChRs. Injections of ABT-594 into brain at doses 1000-fold lower than given peripherally produce marked antinociceptive activity, indicating that ABT-594 can also activate descending pathways from the CNS to modulate pain processing. It also inhibits the release of the primary nociceptive transmitters, substance P and calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP) *in vitro*, at the level of the dorsal horn of the spinal cord suggesting that ABT-594 can attenuate mechanisms leading to neurogenic inflammation, central sensitization and consolidation of pain-mediated neuronal changes.

ABT-594 is expected to be a highly differentiated product. It is expected to be the first neuronal nicotinic receptor agonist to receive an indication for pain. It has a novel mechanism of action and a potentially broad coverage of chronic pain conditions. In addition, it has an opioid-like efficacy without tolerance, dependence or abuse potential, while having equivalent/superior efficacy to other drugs used to treat neuropathic pain.

#### *Clinical Studies*

Human clinical trials began in 1997. Phase I trials with an oral solution formulation indicated that 150ug/day would be the maximum tolerated dose. Results from subsequent phase I and phase II trials with soft elastic capsule (SEC) and hard gelatin capsule (HGC) suggest that higher doses would be tolerated. Phase IIa studies with ABT-594 SEC formulation suggest a trend towards analgesic effect at 75ug BID, the maximum dose studied in this protocol. ABT-594 was generally well tolerated in these studies. The most common adverse events for subjects receiving ABT-594 75ug BID were nausea (15%), headache (13%), dizziness (7%), insomnia (6%), and vomiting (5%).

A phase IIb study for neuropathic pain at higher, titrated doses of ABT-594 began in April 2000 and ends in June 2001. A total of 320 patients is anticipated to be included in the study.

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**Considerations****Target Profile:**

The current status of ABT-594's profile vs. target profile is summarized in the table below.

Target Profile Attribute	Probability
Not scheduled (DEA)	High
Very few abnormal Liver Function Tests	High
Few Drug interactions	High
BID / TID dosing	High
No reduced efficacy or increased AEs in nicotine users	High
Onset of action 1.5 – 2.0 hours	High
Neuropathic efficacy	Medium
No tolerance, dependence or withdrawal	Medium
Other safety OK	Medium
No cravings in ex-nicotine users	Medium
Low nausea / vomiting	Low

**Label Strategy:**

BASE: Indicated for the treatment of diabetic neuropathic pain.

- UPSIDE:
- 1) Treatment of pain associated with OA
  - 2) Treatment of post-herpetic neuralgia
  - 3) Treatment of neuropathic pain
  - 4) Treatment of chronic pain
  - 5) Treatment of cancer pain

**Cost of Goods Sold:**

The projected average daily dose is expected to be a maximum of approximately 600 mcg base equivalent / day. Based upon this dosage projection and the estimated cost of bulk drug substance of \$40M per Kg base equivalent, the estimated cost for drug substance at launch will be approximately \$0.024 per day.

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*Pricing:*

US: Pricing new, and particularly novel, products at a reasonable premium will likely continue to be the norm in the years leading up to the launch of ABT-594. Current forecast assumptions put the price of ABT-594 at a level comparable to Celebrex and Neurontin, grown at a modest 2% per year to launch year AWP of approximately \$95 for a 30 day prescription.

Ex-US: New pain medications must demonstrate a true advantage in efficacy and/or side effects to receive regulatory approval, especially by the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMA); assuming the target efficacy and tolerability profile of ABT-594 is achieved, ABT-594 would meet this requirement. Because ABT-594 may have application in both neuropathic and chronic nociceptive pain, the ex-U.S. pricing assumption for ABT-594 is comparable to COX-2 pricing. The current average price for COX-2's is approximately \$1.10 per day; however, this reflects a large percentage of sales in "free-pricing" countries, where COX-2s launched first, which tend to have higher than average prices. Therefore, the average ex-U.S. price for ABT-594 is assumed to be \$0.90/day.

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## ABT-751

### Opportunity Overview

Cytotoxic agents and hormones constitute the dominant classes of drugs available to treat cancer and are responsible for 96% of the total market. Since 1993, Taxol, a taxane developed and marketed by BMS, has been widely used. Another taxane, Taxotere, developed and marketed by Aventis, was launched in 1996. Combined worldwide sales of these two products were of nearly \$2 Billion US in 1999. Clinically, the development of drug resistance is the primary factor that limits the efficacy achievable with these drugs.

Abbott's anti-mitotic agent (ABT-751) is a novel, oral cytotoxic agent that acts by a mechanism similar to that of the taxanes but retains activity against taxane resistant cells. ABT-751 binds to the colchicine site on tubulin and inhibits the *in vitro* polymerization of microtubules. The interference with normal microtubule dynamics leads to a block in the cell cycle at the G2/M phase that ultimately results in the induction of cellular apoptosis. ABT-751 is a potent antimitotic agent that inhibits the proliferation of a broad spectrum of human tumor derived cell lines including those that are paclitaxel and doxorubicin resistant due to the multidrug-resistant (MDR) phenotype or other genetic changes.

ABT-751 demonstrated impressive oral antitumor activity when evaluated in both synegeic and human xenograft tumor models. The antitumor response was independent of the MDR status of the model, consistent with the activity observed in cell cultures. In sharp contrast with other cytotoxic drugs, the maximum tolerated dosage of ABT-751, on a q.d. 1-5 schedule, could be administered for an extended period (q.d. 1-21 or q.d. 1-28) resulting in a dramatic enhancement of the antitumor activity. These results suggest that the colchicine site ligands, such as ABT-751, will exhibit a broad spectrum of activity that will be distinct from that of other classes of antimitotic drugs. Oral availability of the compound is high. Taxol and Taxotere, in contrast, have no oral bioavailability.

The most significant finding in toxicology studies was a change in systemic and pulmonary vascular resistance following intravenous infusion of ABT-751 to anesthetized dogs. These effects led to an inverse response in cardiac output. Similar changes were observed following infusion of a structurally unrelated colchicine-site ligand, and therefore most likely represent a class effect. Additional toxicology studies focusing on vascular pathology will be performed to further elucidate this finding.

ABT-751 was administered to patients with advanced cancer in Japan in a Phase I study. Toxicities seen after single doses and 5 days of q.d. dosing were nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, epigastric pain, ileus and peripheral neuropathy. Grade 2 toxicity was peripheral neuropathy and associated paresthesias. Pharmacokinetic analyses showed plasma concentrations equivalent to those that affected systemic resistance and cardiac output in the anesthetized dog study. However, no adverse cardiovascular effects were observed in the Japanese Phase I trial. Evidence of ABT-751 efficacy was exhibited in one patient with uterine sarcoma, one patient with NSCLC after single doses, one patient with gastric cancer and one patient with uterine cervical carcinoma demonstrated decreased tumor markers after repeated dosing.

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The planned initial Phase I study in the U.S. will determine the maximum tolerated dose and dose-limiting toxicities of ABT-751 given orally once a day or twice daily for multiple cycles in patients with advanced malignancies. In addition, pharmacokinetics in a western population, and optimal dose and schedule will be determined. Phase II studies will be initiated in patients with different cancer types:

- Refractory breast (taxane failures)
- Hormone refractory prostate
- Bladder
- Lung
- Cervical
- Hepatocellular
- Other possibilities: colorectal, sarcoma, renal cell, pancreatic, HNSCC

Cytotoxic agents represent the largest, and fastest growing, class of oncology agents by sales volume. The following chart summarizes the value of the current oncology market

Global Sales by Market Segment (\$ MM)

	1996 Sales	1997 Sales	1998 Sales	1999 Sales (est)	CAGR '96-'98
Hormone	4,414	4,784	4,884	5,000	5.2%
Cytotoxic	4,278	5,212	6,268	7,300	21.0%
Adjunctive	3,367	3,651	4,166	4,900	11.2%
Total	12,059	13,647	15,318	17,200	12.7%

Source: Datamonitor

Sales by Region (\$ MM)

	1996 Sales	1997 Sales	1998 Sales	1999 Sales (est)	CAGR '96-'98
US	5,564	6,276	7,422	8,500	15.5%
Ex- US	6,495	7,370	7,896	8,700	10.3%

Source: Datamonitor

This growth of the cytotoxic segment has been driven primarily by the introduction of new, more effective and expensive therapies such as Taxol (paclitaxel/BMS), Gemzar (gemcitabine/Lilly), Taxotere (docetaxel/RPR) and Hycamtin (topotecan/SB). Uptake of these newer agents, however, can be dependent on the cost sensitivity of the local market.

The clinical targets identified for this compound include late stage breast cancer, late stage NSCL cancer (on-label), with late stage ovarian and pancreatic cancer as additional cancer types where efficacy has been demonstrated, but not filed. This product may also be potentially efficacious in cancers such as gastric, colorectal, prostate, bladder, esophageal, hepatocellular (ex US), lymphoma, and leukemia. Targets will be refined as we know more about this compound's in-vivo activity.

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The following tables summarize the key competitive products by indication (US data only):

Late Stage Breast	
Product	Share
Cyclophosphamide/Cytoxan/BMS	18.7
Doxorubicin/Adriamycin/P&U	17.11
Docetaxel/Taxotere/RPR	16.25
Paclitaxel/Taxol/BMS	16.11
Trastuzumab/Herceptin/Genetech	11.26

Late Stage NSCL	
Product	Share
Carboplatin/Paraplatin/BMS	50.32
Paclitaxel/Taxol/BMS	44.14
Vinorelbine/Navelbine/Glaxo	22.78
Gemcitabine/Gemzar/Lilly	22.14
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	11.28

Late Stage Ovarian	
Product	Share
Paclitaxel/Taxol/BMS	47.11
Carboplatin/Paraplatin/BMS	45.42
Topotecan/Hycamlin/SKB	22.54
Dox SL/Doxil/Alza	9.14
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	7.58

Late Stage Pancreas	
Product	Share
Gemcitabine/Gemzar/Lilly	78.5
5-FU/Efudex/ICN Pharma	21.0
Leucovorin/	10.7
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	4.72

#### *Compounds in Development*

ABT-751 induces a mitotic block by binding to the colchicine site on tubulin and thereby affecting tubulin polymerization. There are no currently available drugs which function by the mechanism described above. However, vinca alkaloids and taxanes fall into the broad category of anti-mitotics although they produce the anti-mitotic effect through different mechanisms. The following table summarizes anti-mitotic compounds in development.

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Company	Compound	Indication	Status of compound	Status of project
<b>Colchicine-site ligands</b>				
Oxigene	combretastatin-A4 phosphate	Tumor vasculature	Phase I	active
Tularik	T138607 (phosphate prodrug)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I	active
Tularik	T900607	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	active
ICI/CRC	Amphethinile	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I (abandoned 1988)	inactive
Wellcome Research	1069C	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I (abandoned 1996)	inactive
NIH	Trimethylcolchicinic acid	Various tumors	Phase I (1990, abandoned)	inactive
Parke-Davis	CI-980	ovarian, colorectal	Phase II (abandoned 2000)	inactive
<b>Vinca alkaloid-site ligands</b>				
BASF	LU103793 (dolastatin 15 analog)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase II (abandoned)	active
Servier	Vinxaltine	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I	unknown
NCI	dolastatin 10	Adv. Cancers	Phase I	unknown
Teikoku Hormone	TZT-1027 (dolastatin 10 analog)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I (Jpn)	unknown
Lilly	LY 355703 (cryptophycin 52)	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	unknown
Takeda	Maitansine	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	unknown
<b>Microtubule stabilizing agents (non-taxanes)</b>				
Soc. Biotech. Res/ Bristol-Myers Squibb	Epothilone	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	active
Bristol-Myers Squibb	eleutherobin	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	active
Pharmacia & Upjohn	sarcodictyins	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	active
Takeda	GS-164	Cancer (unspecified)	Preclinical	active

The novelty of this mechanism offers the promise of differentiation that will diminish the threat from potential competitors. However, this novelty is balanced by the similarity to current mechanisms, such as taxanes and vinca alkaloids, which suggests the promise of clinical efficacy. With the opportunity to be first or second to market with an agent that binds to the colchicine site, the competitive situation seems modest.

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**ABT 492****Overview**

The commercial success of fluoroquinolones such as ciprofloxacin and levofloxacin, along with the desire to further improve the properties of these compounds (microbiological spectrum and safety, for example) has led to fierce competition to identify analogs with superior therapeutic properties. In addition, the development of resistance to present antibiotics will drive a continued need for new agents. Goals for a quinolone antibiotic include broad-spectrum indications equal to trovafloxacin, antibacterial activity comparable to trovafloxacin, tolerability comparable to levofloxacin, oral and intravenous formulations, once daily dosing, length of treatment equal to moxifloxacin, and an acceptable cost of goods. ABT-492, an in-licensed compound from the Wakunaga Pharmaceutical Co., is being developed for evaluation to meet these goals.

The *in vitro* antibacterial activity of ABT-492 was consistently more potent than trovafloxacin against most quinolone-susceptible pathogens, including species responsible for community and nosocomial respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections, blood stream infections, skin and skin structure infections, and anaerobic infections. The compound has potent activity against multidrug-resistant *S. pneumoniae* (penicillin-, macrolide-, tetracycline-resistant) and retained activity against *S. pneumoniae* strains resistant to other quinolones including trovafloxacin. ABT-492 was also highly active against anaerobes and ciprofloxacin-susceptible *P. aeruginosa*. ABT-492 was as active as trovafloxacin against *C. trachomatis*, indicating good intracellular penetration. Thus, ABT-492 is likely to be a useful broad-spectrum antibacterial agent. The enhanced antibacterial activity of ABT-492 relative to ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, and trovafloxacin is likely to be explained, in part, by its potent interactions with bacterial topoisomerases. ABT-492's equivalent activity against both the DNA gyrase and the topoisomerase IV of pathogens, give ABT-492 a potential for decreased development of resistance.

The *in vitro* potency data suggests that ABT-492 has the potential to be therapeutically effective at doses comparable to trovafloxacin and superior to levofloxacin. In addition, ABT-492 was consistently more potent than trovafloxacin against MRSA and vancomycin-resistant enterococci. In both these cases, however, therapeutic utility remains to be assessed in the clinical setting.

*S. pneumoniae* was chosen as the dose-defining pathogen since it is the key pathogen in severe respiratory tract infections and treatment of infections caused by this pathogen has traditionally been a weakness of most quinolones. For treatment of fluoroquinolone-susceptible *S. pneumoniae* respiratory tract infections, oral dosing may be similar to trovafloxacin based on data generated in lung infection models. Because of the excellent potency of ABT-492 against fluoroquinolone-resistant *S. pneumoniae* with an MIC<sub>90</sub> of 0.12 µg/ml, this group of emerging strains may be targeted as a key differentiation point from other quinolones. Also, data from the thigh infection model suggests significantly greater efficacy for ABT-492 than for trovafloxacin.

**The Market**

ABT-492 is broad-spectrum anti-infective agent with potential application across a broad range of indications, including respiratory infections, genito-urinary infections, and skin/soft tissue infections. It is assumed that a pediatric formulation would not be a part of the primary development plan due to the known adverse events caused by quinolones in pediatric populations. Nonetheless, reports of quinolone pediatric development has been reported (gatifloxacin), hence the pediatric market should be regarded as a potential upside for this quinolone should its safety profile merit its use in pediatrics.

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## **D'S EXHIBIT 807 – PART 2**

Current Treatment Options

Class	Mechanism of Action	Comments
Penicillins	Cell wall synthesis inhibitor	Mostly generic, class has seen significant decrease as a result of penicillin resistance
Cephalosporins	Cell wall synthesis inhibitor	Some generic, class has seen significant decrease in use as a result of prevalence of $\beta$ -lactamase producing strains and modification of penicillin-binding proteins.
Tetracyclines	Protein synthesis inhibitor	Generic agents, relatively high levels of resistance but are still useful in some indications
Sulfonamides	Folic acid synthesis	Generic agents, relatively high levels of resistance but are still useful in some indications
Macrolides	Protein synthesis inhibitor	Widespread use in RTI, macrolide resistance has been increasing rapidly, but has not yet translated into declines in clinical efficacy; <i>H. flu</i> activity continues to be class weakness, along with GI adverse events, drug-drug interactions, & taste perversion
Quinolones	DNA synthesis inhibitor	Fastest growing antibiotic class, used in a broad spectrum of indications; class historically associated with poor Gram+ pathogen coverage and sub-optimal safety profiles; newer agents (Levaquin, Tequin, Avelox) have improved dramatically along both spectrum and safety dimensions.
Oxazolidinones	Protein synthesis inhibitor	Newest antibiotic class to reach market, due to limited Gram- profile will be used primarily in nosocomial setting

U.S. Market

1999 U.S. antibiotic prescription and sales data are presented in the table below.

			1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	CAGR <sub>1995-99</sub>
U.S.	TRXs (MM)	Tab/Cap	220	215	211	208	221	0.1%
		Oral Susp.	76	66	63	59	61	-5.3%
		I.V.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Sales (\$MM)	Tab/Cap	\$4,057	\$4,220	\$4,467	\$4,848	\$5,715	8.9%
		Oral Susp.	\$1,075	\$979	\$977	\$1,001	\$1,120	1.0%
		I.V.	\$1,865	\$1,829	\$1,855	\$1,890	\$2,117	3.2%

Tab/cap and oral suspension prescriptions had been declining 1-2% per year in the period of 1995-1998, presumably from increased attention to appropriate prescribing in the face of increasing resistance; however, prescriptions recovered in 1999, though this may be explained at least in part by a relatively late 1998-99 flu season. Even in the face of this negative pressure on antibiotic use, however, sales in the U.S. have continued to increase, particularly in the tab/cap market. This is due to the trend of replacing relatively low-cost generic agents with higher priced premium antibiotics; during 1995-1999, generic tab/cap prescriptions declined by 30MM. So while negative pressure on the use of these antibiotics continues, it appears the market is willing to bear higher costs for agents that meet unmet need. The IV market has grown slightly in terms of sales, also being driven largely by the replacement of generic agents with more costly branded agents.

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Quinolones have seen dramatic growth, with oral and IV sales growing at 17% and 16% compound annual rates, respectively, from 1995-1999. This growth is a function of the newer quinolones successfully penetrating the RTI segment, which was initiated with the 1997 launches of Levaquin and Trovan (withdrawn) and continues with the recent introductions of Tequin and Avelox.

#### Ex-U.S. Market

Ex-U.S. sales of antibiotics totaled \$11.7 billion in 1999. The tab/cap represents the largest segment, with sales of \$9.4 billion on 770 MM TRX. TRX growth has been flat, with a 1996-99 CAGR of 0.5%; the use of antibiotics is predicted to slowly decline due to more judicious use of antibacterials in the face of increasing bacterial resistance.

Ex-US, the quinolone class accounted for 8% (62MM) of total tab/cap market prescriptions and 13% of sales (\$1.2 billion). Ciprofloxacin is the market leader ex-US, with approximately 47% of the quinolone market Rx's (29MM) and 44% (\$530MM) of sales. Levofloxacin launched in many European markets in 1998/1999 and holds approximately 14% Rx share of the European quinolone market, and 0.8% of the overall tab/cap market. Although grepafloxacin and trovafloxacin also launched in some European countries in 1999, both products were recently pulled from the market due to liver toxicity and other complications. Moxifloxacin launched in Germany in Q4 1999, but has not yet been approved in other markets. In Japan, levofloxacin launched in 1994 and still commands a 65% Rx share of the quinolone market and 10% of the Japanese tab/cap market overall. Japan accounts for approximately 80% of ex-US levofloxacin sales (\$370MM).

1999 Ex-US Tab/Cap Market						
Class	Sales (\$MM)	Sales Share	Sales CAGR '96-'99	TRXs (MM)	TRX Share	TRX CAGR '96-'99
Market	\$9,348	—	3.6%	770	—	0.8%
Quinolone Class	\$1219	13%	-12%	62	8%	NA
Cipro	\$530	5.7%	4.9%	29	3.8%	NA
Levaquin	\$466	5.0%	NA	18	2.3%	NA
Trovan	\$12	0.1%	NA	0.5	0.1%	NA

#### *Competition*

The anti-infective pipeline is very competitive, but most of the competition is focused on improving the activity and safety of the quinolones. Ketolide development is the only other area of activity which is in late stage of development. The quinolone compounds in present development may fall out because of safety or lack of activity against resistant pathogens.

Competitive Analysis – Emerging Competition					
Product	Company	Class	Phase/Estimated Time to Market	Country	Comment
Ketek (telithromycin)	Aventis	Ketolide	Filed 3/00 Est. launch 3/01	U.S.	Respiratory indications; filed NDA 3/00; 800 mg QD; first in ketolide class to reach market.

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Competitive Analysis – Emerging Competition					
Product	Company	Class	Phase/Estimated Time to Market	Country	Comment
Factive (gemifloxacin)	SKB	Quinolone	Filed 12/99 Est. launch 12/00	US	Superior to quinolones for MRSA; highly potent vs. RTI pathogens <i>H. flu</i> , <i>M. cat</i> , and <i>S. pneumo</i> and UTI pathogens <i>E. coli</i> and <i>P. mirabilis</i> ; CRSP; potency > spar, trov, grepa and $\geq$ moxi; activity vs. <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ?; good atypical and mycoplasma coverage; intracellular penetration; low photo/CNS tox; 700 patient database
Sita/floxacin	Daiichi Seiyaku	Quinolone (IV only)	III II Est. launch 2002	Japan U.S., Europe	Very potent MRSA, pseudomonas and bacteroides activity; diarrhea, ALT, low WBC; will likely be target to severe rather than community infections
Eccnoxacin	Chiel Foods	Quinolone	II Est. launch 2002	UK	Active against UTI and RTI pathogens; superior to lome and oflo vs. <i>P. aeruginosa</i> . $T_{1/2}$ = 14-19 hr; will likely be target to severe rather than community infections
CS-940	Sankyo	Quinolone	II Est. launch 2002	Japan	Active against G+/–; excellent activity against <i>H. flu</i> , <i>c. jejuni</i> , <i>M. pneumo</i> , and <i>C. trachomatis</i> ; greater potency than cipro; $t_{1/2}$ ~7 hr; BA~80%
T-3811	Toyama/BMS	Quinolone	I Est. launch 2005	Japan	Excellent potency and low toxicity
DC-756	Daiichi Pharma	Quinolone	Pre-clin Est. launch 2006	Japan	Low toxicity; in vitro potency $\geq$ trova, STFX & HSR-903

#### Unmet Needs

Overall unmet need in the anti-infective market is low. Resistance represents the largest unmet need, which will continue to evolve over time. Satisfaction with other product attributes, such as convenience, spectrum of activity, and tolerability/safety is quite high. Any improvements in these areas will be incremental and will offer little in the way of differentiation.

ABT-492 is one of the most active agents against the resistant organisms. It has indications that will have a low propensity for the development of resistance. ABT-492 will be developed to maximize any opportunities to shorten therapy. ABT-492 was chosen from hundreds of quinolones because of its potential to be well tolerated and safe in humans. ABT-492 will have few interactions with other drugs.

Unmet Need	Pipeline Impact
Activity against resistant organisms	<i>Strep. pneumo</i> , MRSA, and VRE represent most problematic pathogens although new quinolones/ketolides do well with most resistant <i>Strep. pneumo</i> strains; quinolone-resistant <i>Strep. pneumo</i> may develop; pseudomonas resistance is also increasing; resistance will likely continue to be a source of unmet need due to its dynamic nature.
Low propensity for resistance development	Given that most compounds in development are from classes of drugs already in use, this need is largely unmet. Unclear how quickly resistance will build to new classes of drug; gatifloxacin claims 8-methoxy functional group results in lower propensity for resistance development
Convenience (duration/frequency)	Standard moves toward 5-7 days of therapy with QD dosing; may start to see 3-day therapies for some indications (AECB)
Increased tolerability	While some degree of unmet need exists, increasingly, agents (which have not been withdrawn) are reaching the marketplace with adverse event profiles that approach clinical insignificance; a very clean safety

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	profile should be regarded as a necessary component rather than a differentiating one
Few drug-drug interactions	Quinolones, macrolides, and ketolides all interact with other drugs to varying degrees; a potent drug with no interactions would be a benefit in this market

#### Considerations

**Product Usage:** Physicians are likely to use ABT-492 for the sicker patients with the most difficult infections to treat. In the outpatient arena it will be used to treat community-acquired pneumonia and acute bacterial exacerbations of chronic bronchitis in the older patients with an underlying illness. It will also be used in the hospital for the community-acquired pneumonia patient who requires hospitalization and for serious nosocomial infections.

While many regard quinolones as agents that should be reserved for 2<sup>nd</sup> line use, their activity against *H. influenzae* and resistant *Strep. pneumoniae* (which current macrolides do not offer) have resulted in a high level of acceptance for empiric 1<sup>st</sup> line use. The improved safety profiles of several recent quinolones have facilitated their use as 1<sup>st</sup> line agents. Provided that ABT-492 is proven to have a benign safety/adverse event profile, it will likely receive usage in both 1<sup>st</sup>-line (non-severe) and 2<sup>nd</sup>-line (severe) infections.

**Side Effects:** The quinolone class has potential prolongation of the QT interval and other cardiovascular effects. There is also increased regulatory scrutiny due to recent quinolone withdrawals from international markets. ABT-492 has been evaluated in the standard *in vivo* models used to evaluate QT interval potentials of other antibiotics and has shown no evidence of increasing QT. Also, compared to marketed quinolones, preclinical studies show no evidence or no increase incidence of CNS drug concentration (ie. less potential for dizziness); phototoxicity; and liver toxicity.

**Off-label use:** It is difficult to predict at this time what off-label uses will be seen for this compound. Initial development will be for the more common respiratory, urinary tract, skin, and hospital infections. Other indications will be evaluated after the primary approval of this compound. Many of the secondary indications will get usage before we have regulatory approval.

**COGS:** The initial cost of goods is in \$6000/kg range, but will come down rapidly after the initial starting materials are determined. At time of launch ABT-492 will have a cost of goods in the \$1500/kg range which is competitive compared to other quinolones and other new antibiotics.

**Dosing:** Based on animal models and the *in vitro* activity of ABT-492 the dose for most oral indications will be in the range of 100 to 200 mg give once daily.

**Development/Regulatory:** Anti-infective compounds are well understood by regulatory agencies globally and they have clearly defined clinical development path and regulatory guidelines for reference. Abbott Laboratories has been in this arena for many years and has experience with the FDA and European regulatory agencies and so the hurdles to development are well known. ABT-492 has begun but not yet completed its first Phase I study in healthy volunteers.

**Other Approaches:** Because of the well defined development guidelines there are not many options. The major development options are in dosing regimens. ABT-492 is a very potent drug which has demonstrated rapid killing of pathogens *in vitro* and *in vivo*, and the development plan will attempt to shorten treatment durations to increase the competitive advantages of this activity.

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*Pricing:* The community infection market is quite competitive from a pricing standpoint, with recent quinolones priced at approximately \$45 per 5-7 days of therapy. The pricing strategy will depend on strengths/weaknesses of the ABT-492 product label, the competitive landscape at launch, and the managed care environment, but current pricing assumption is parity for ABT-492 with respect to other quinolones.

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**ABT 510****Overview**

There is abundant evidence that primary tumor growth and metastatic progression require new blood vessel formation (angiogenesis). Tumors secrete inducer proteins including bFGF and VEGF that activate microvascular endothelial cells (EC) causing them to proliferate, migrate and organize into capillary structures. Activated endothelial cells also enhance malignant progression by producing signal molecules (cytokines) that inhibit programmed cell death (apoptosis) of tumor cells. Since anti-angiogenic therapy targets genetically stable endothelial cells, resistance typically seen following cytotoxic chemotherapy is not observed. Moreover, angiogenesis inhibitors should not have the intrinsic toxicity of anti-proliferative chemotherapy. Angiogenesis is also a feature of several other pathophysiologic states of large unmet medical need (macular degeneration, psoriasis, and arthritis, among others).

Angiogenesis sustains the growth and progression of tumors. Unlike chemotherapy or radiation, both of which can damage normal cells in addition to tumor cells, anti-angiogenic agents are hypothesized to prevent growth of new blood vessels and to disrupt critical tumor survival signals produced by EC. These agents may keep tumors in a dormant state for as long as the compound is administered and tumor regressions may occur. Proof of this principle has been demonstrated in pre-clinical models. Currently, at least thirteen compounds with anti-angiogenic activity in cancer are in various phases of clinical development, however few act directly and specifically on the angiogenesis process. Anti-angiogenesis drugs are not expected to replace or compete with current therapies. Instead, if these agents prove to be effective, it is believed that they will be used as supplemental therapy to prevent metastasis following surgery, cytotoxic chemotherapy or radiotherapy. As for cases where tumors have already metastasized, these agents could slow down disease progression and maintain "disease dormancy".

Thrombospondin-1 (TSP-1) was the first natural angiogenesis inhibitor to be discovered. TSP-1 is a large, multifunctional protein. TSP-1 rapidly inhibits EC migration and increases EC apoptosis through activation of caspase-3-like proteases. The normal tissue expression of TSP-1 limits inappropriate neovascularization, however it is transcriptionally activated by the tumor suppressor gene product p53. Therefore, TSP-1 is down-regulated and under-produced in p53 defective tumors. In rodent models, ectopic overexpression of TSP-1 inhibits the malignant phenotype as does direct administration of TSP-1 in the circulation. However, direct clinical use of TSP-1 is not feasible because of its scarcity, large size and multiple other biological functions.

The angiogenic activity of TSP-1 has been localized to the 50,000 MW N-terminal stalk region of this protein, and more specifically to the properdin (Type-1) repeats within this region. Although small synthetic peptides within this region have only weak antiangiogenic activity, it was discovered that a single D-amino acid replacement in a properdin region peptide led to an increase in activity of greater than 1000-fold. ABT-510 is a parenterally available nonapeptide. Although ABT-510 competes with TSP-1 for binding to the EC, the exact mechanism of anti-angiogenesis is unknown.

ABT 510 is supplied for clinical use as a sterile solution in acetate salt in 5% dextrose. ABT 510 is soluble and stable in water.

In vitro, ABT 510 inhibits chemotactic VEGF/bFGF-stimulated migration of human microvascular endothelial cells (EC) with an IC50 of approximately 0.250 nM. This effect is EC specific. ABT-510 (10mg/kg/day subcutaneously) blocks VEGF-induced corneal vascularization in mice. It potently and selectively competes with TSP-1, binding the CD 36 receptor.

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ABT 510 inhibits tumor progression in vivo. ABT 510(20mg/kg/day subcutaneous administration) inhibited tumor progression (78% growth inhibition at day 38) in a model of human breast cancer (MDA-MB-435) growing in the breast pads of nude mice. Dose dependent inhibition of B16F10 melanoma lung metastases was observed in a second murine model. ABT 526, a molecule highly similar to ABT 510 (which was not advanced into human trials because of concatamer formation) was administered to 23 companion dogs (25mg SQ BID) with sporadic cancers (head and neck carcinoma, lymphoma, sarcoma, etc) refractory to conventional chemotherapy. Surprisingly, 2 complete responses, 5 partial responses ( $\geq 50\%$  shrinkage) and 6 cases of disease stabilization were observed.

Assays for toxicity, histamine release, hemolysis, T-cell function neutrophil migration, platelet aggregation, receptor (CEREP) screening and CNS function were unremarkable. ABT-510 produced no physiologically significant changes in cardiovascular or hemodynamic function in anesthetized dogs. In addition, there were no physiologically significant changes in clinical blood chemistry profiles or cardiac electrophysiologic function in response to ABT-510. Doses that were many times higher than the predicted efficacious concentration produced a moderate reduction in mean arterial blood pressure in conscious monkeys. ABT-510 was not mutagenic in the Ames assay. It is concluded therefore that ABT-510 has an excellent pre-clinical safety profile.

ABT-510 is currently in Phase I clinical trials. Because of its exceptional safety profile, normal volunteers are being dosed with ABT-510 to establish human safety and pharmacokinetic parameters. Review of these data will lead to a Go/NoGo decision for Phase II trials in the Summer of 2001.

#### *The market*

Cytotoxic agents represent the largest, and fastest growing, class of oncology agents by sales volume. The following chart summarizes the value of the current oncology market. The market for products to treat cancer is changing rapidly. It is a growing market fueled by:

- Increasing disease incidence
- New product entries
- New therapeutic paradigms
- A growing adjunctive market, which increases the number of patients eligible for chemotherapy
- Intense research and competition

The increase in the aging population in developed countries increases the incidence of cancer. The diagnosed cancer incidence and prevalence in seven major markets, including the U.S., France, Germany, Italy, Spain, U.K. and Japan are close to 3 million and 10 million respectively. The numbers are increasing steadily. Currently, about one-third of the new medicines in development are targeted against cancer.

Cancer is not a single disease, but includes more than 100 different disorders, which have at their core uncontrolled cell growth. Of these disorders, the cancer types that offer the greatest commercial opportunity include breast, colorectal, lung, ovarian and prostate (based on incidence/prevalence/unmet need). Treatment of breast, lung and prostate cancers account for more than 50 percent of the direct medical costs of cancer therapies. Other cancer types, specific to one or more of the major international markets, may provide niche opportunities. For instance, stomach (gastric) cancer is relatively common in Japan but not in the U.S. or Europe; similarly, liver cancer has a greater occurrence in Japan, Italy and Spain.

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Depending on tumor type, cancer can be treated with surgery, radiation, chemotherapy (cytotoxic), hormonal therapy or a combination of any of these. For the purpose of this analysis, we will define the cancer market as chemotherapeutics and the adjunctive therapies used to counter the effects of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. The following charts summarize the global sales for these products.

**Global Sales by Market Segment (\$ MM)**

	1996 Sales	1997 Sales	1998 Sales	CAGR '96-'98
Hormone	4,414	4,784	4,884	5.2%
Cytotoxic	4,278	5,212	6,268	21.0%
Adjunctive	3,367	3,651	4,166	11.2%
Total	12,059	13,647	15,318	12.7%

Source: Datamonitor

**Sales by Region (\$ MM)**

	1996 Sales	1997 Sales	1998 Sales	CAGR '96-'98
US	5,564	6,276	7,422	15.5%
Ex- US	6,495	7,370	7,896	10.3%

Source: Datamonitor

*Chemotherapeutic agents*

*Cytotoxic therapies* include classes such as alkylating agents, anti-tumor antibiotics, anti-metabolites and antimitotics (taxanes). These agents are toxic and demonstrate dose-limiting side effects. The commercial value of this segment is significantly understated, as most of the products are available in generic form.

The growth of the cytotoxic segment in the past three years has been driven primarily by the introduction of new, more effective and expensive therapies such as Taxol (paclitaxel/BMS), Gemzar (gemcitabine/Lilly), Taxotere (docetaxel/RPR) and Hycamtin (topotecan/SB). Utilization of these newer agents, however, appears to be dependent on the cost sensitivity of the local market. For example, secondary sources indicate that Taxol has recorded over 60% of its global sales in the US market alone and is prescribed with far less frequency in the more cost sensitive UK, German and French markets.

Most chemotherapeutic agents are indicated for just one or two cancer types, but get significant off-label use once approved. Up to 60% of an oncology product's use is potentially for off-label indications. Much of this use is driven by the publication of data and/or approvals in other countries.

*Hormonal therapies*

Of the top-selling drugs in each major geographical region, *hormone therapies* contribute approximately one-third of the sales ex-US and one-fourth in the US. Hormone therapies for the treatment of cancer include Lupron (leuprolide/TAP), Zoladex (goserelin/Zeneca), Nolvadex (tamoxifen/Zeneca) and other agents used to treat hormone responsive diseases such as prostate and breast cancer. These agents are generally administered chronically and have reduced side effects compared to cytotoxic therapies. Sales of this category are driven primarily by Lupron and Zoladex. The US market has become increasingly cost sensitive in the Medicare sector, which accounts for over 70% of Lupron sales.

*Adjunctive agents*

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The availability of effective *adjunctive agents* also allows the cytotoxic chemotherapeutic agents to be administered at higher doses and/or more frequently, or used in a more palliative role, since the adjunctive therapies can reduce the impact of the chemotherapy on the patient's quality of life. Agents in this class include immunostimulants, anti-emetics and bisphosphonates. The growth of this market is linked to the growth of the cytotoxic market, as the increased use of cytotoxic agents drives an increased use in adjunctive therapy. The highest selling product in this class is Neupogen (filgrastim/Amgen) with 1998 sales of over \$1 billion.

#### *Biologic Therapy*

New therapies under development offer the promise of fulfilling several unmet needs in the treatment of cancer. Experts have predicted that in the future early therapy for breast cancer will be dominated by biological approaches, such as monoclonal antibodies (Herceptin/Genentech), which is widely thought to have strong market potential. Genentech recently reported strong second quarter sales of the product in the US of \$46.2 million, and it is estimated that if only half of US women with breast cancer who over-express this gene received Herceptin, sales would top \$600 million. In addition to monoclonal antibodies, other biological approaches include vaccines and gene therapy.

#### *Future Trends*

Emerging science in the past decade offers the potential to radically alter the paradigm for cancer therapy and presents opportunities for fundamentally new ways of approaching the disease. New therapies offer the promise of fulfilling several unmet needs in the treatment of cancer. These include matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors (MMPis), continued expansion of biologics, photodynamic therapies (PDT), anti-angiogenics, and multiple drug resistance (MDR) modifiers. This market does not yet exist, though success of "cytostatic-like" treatments, such as hormonal therapies for prostate and breast cancer, suggests that the market potential for cytostatic agents could be significant.

#### *Competition*

The angiogenesis pipeline is very competitive, but this level of intensity is somewhat skewed by the large number of mechanistic approaches that are being claimed to demonstrate angiogenic activity. Furthermore, clear evidence of efficacy for these agents has not yet been demonstrated. For the purposes of this summary, only those compounds considered true anti-angiogenic compounds have been included. Companies with compounds in clinical development include Genentech, Entremed, Sugen, TAP, Magainin and Pharmacia Upjohn.

#### Angiogenesis Compounds in Clinical Development

Compound	Indications	Company	Phase
Neovastat	Solid tumors	Aetema	III
RhuMab VEGF	Cancer	Genentech	II/III
Vitaxin	Arthritis, psoriasis, CVR	Ixsys	II
SU-5416	Cancer	Sugen	II/III
TNP 470	Cancer, arthritis	TAP	II
Thalidomide	Cancer	EntreMed/BMS	I
Squalamine, squalus	Cancer	Magainin	I
RPI 4610	Cancer	Ribozyme	I
VEGF antagonist	Cancer, retinopathy	NeXstar	I
Angiostatin/Endostatin	Cancer	EntreMed	I

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### *Unmet Needs*

Cancer remains the second leading cause of death in the United States, Europe and Japan, and consequently, offers an attractive market opportunity for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. This year about 563,100 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people a day. In the US, 1 or 4 deaths is due to some form of cancer. In 1999, about 1,221,800 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed.

For most cancers, the level of physician satisfaction with current therapies is low. It has long been recognized by researchers, physicians, patients and family members that current treatment options may often be as devastating as the underlying disease.

Unmet needs in this market vary by tumor types and stages, with some tumors responding to treatment with better mortality and/or morbidity results than others. However, cancer is still treated as a terminal illness with significant shortcomings in present treatments. In general, unmet needs include:

Need	ABT-510 Attribute
Enhanced efficacy of therapeutic agents	Potential for enhanced efficacy
Reduced toxicity	Potential for reduced toxicity over current cytotoxic treatment
Improvements in drug administration	TBD
Improved target delivery of cytotoxics and novel therapeutics	Unknown
Proven outcomes data	Quality of Life and Pharmacoeconomics to be assessed

### *Considerations*

**Product Usage:** Physicians have indicated that they would use anti-angiogenic agents initially in their more refractory patients, as follow-on or add-on to current best therapy (chemo or surgical). With experience and clinical evidence, they would be willing to use these agents in earlier stages of the disease, where they perceived the greatest benefit to be. Anti-angiogenesis agents are regarded as a maintenance therapy to be used in early disease or after primary therapy as a prophylactic process to prevent the spread of malignancy. Of course, their ultimate use will depend on the benefit provided, which cannot be determined until clinical trials have been completed. Efficacy evidence in humans manifested by tumor response of the magnitude seen in the preliminary dog studies would stimulate tremendous enthusiasm in the oncology community.

**Product Benefits/Efficacy:** Physicians are looking for improvements in time to tumor progression and prevention of metastases with cytostatic agents. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for this mechanism in the scientific and lay audience. The concept is very intuitive. Products, such as ABT-510, that promise a clinical benefit without the usual toxic trade-offs associated with current chemotherapeutic agents, will be enthusiastically received by oncologists.

**Side Effects** The proposed safety profile of anti-angiogenic agents may enhance usage, as the dose limiting toxicity profiles of most of the other available agents has established a much lower hurdle for demonstrating a preferred profile. However, as chronic therapy, anti-angiogenic agents may have to demonstrate a cleaner profile than cytotoxic agents do to ensure compliance.

*Off-label use:* Off label use accounts for between 30-60% of an oncology product's usage. Off-label use is driven by publication of clinical trial results in credible journals, listing in key compendia and/or a peer's experience with the product. Therefore, development spend for off-label use is considerably less than the spend required for regulatory approval of an indication. However, promotion of these off-label uses is limited.

*Other indications:* ABT-510 may be effective in other therapeutic roles, such as arthritic diseases and macular degeneration. These other indications may offer a commercial upside, through internal development or co-development/out-licensing opportunities.

*Competition:* While there are a relatively large number of angiogenesis inhibitors in development, it is unclear whether they will demonstrate a superior efficacy or side-effect profile vs. ABT-510. The mechanism of angiogenesis suggests that multiple anti-angiogenic approaches may be required to maximize the clinical benefit.

*COGS:* Initial estimates on finished cost of drug place it in the range of Lupron costs. Depending on final dosing requirements, the cost of this compound could become a significant obstacle. However, this will need to be considered in light of the pricing flexibility in the oncology market, where there is limited pricing sensitivity for products that are reimbursed. Any financial analysis will need to include royalty obligations to Northwestern University.

*Dosing:* There is still some uncertainty regarding the route of administration and feasible dosage forms for ABT-510. An "inconvenient" formulation leaves this product extremely vulnerable to competitors with more convenient dosage forms. A convenient dosage form, such as a monthly depot, will enhance product adoption over a less convenient form. However, the effect of the various dosage forms on product adoption will be dependent on the benefits the compound provides, side-effect profile and availability of competitive agents with more convenient dosage forms. For chronic therapy, convenience will play an important role in market penetration, given alternative agents. Although less convenient than oral therapy, parenteral therapy (depot, but not self-administered sub-cutaneous) is currently reimbursed by Medicare in the US. Over 60% of all cancer patients have Medicare as their primary healthcare coverage in the US.

*Development/Regulatory:* With a new class of compounds, there is not a clearly defined clinical development path or regulatory guidelines for reference. This hurdle is similar for all the competitive products, but increases the overall development risk profile for these agents. However, with several anti-angiogenic agents in late stage development, Abbott can learn from their experience.

*Other Approaches:* Other "cytostatic" approaches may present a competitive threat if they are used as substitutes. Due to the complexity of the pathogenesis of cancer, it is more likely that these agents will be used in combinations, but incremental benefits may become more difficult to demonstrate as the number of products and approaches multiply. This will require additional studies, as these other classes become part of standard cancer treatment. However, this threat is not unique to this compound.

*Pricing:* The treatment of cancer is expensive, so there is the potential for a great deal of pricing flexibility in this market. There is also an increasing emphasis on cost-effectiveness studies that will need to be addressed in the development plan.

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## MMPI

### Overview

Abbott's Matrix Metalloproteinase Inhibitor (MMPI) program represents a novel therapeutic class, with the potential to alter the way that cancer is treated by preventing or modifying disease progression and/or metastases. This more "chronic" approach to therapy has the potential to transform cancer into a disease that patients live with, much like the effect of HIV protease inhibitors on patients with AIDS. It also has the potential to expand the cancer market significantly by increasing the average length of treatment and expanding the pool of patients eligible to receive therapy.

The MMPs comprise a family of enzymes that degrade a wide range of matrix protein substrates. High expression of these enzymes occurs in cancer and is associated with the ability of tumors to grow, invade, develop new blood vessels and metastasize.

MMP inhibitors (MMPIs) may suppress the progression of tumors by several mechanisms:

- Suppress invasion/metastasis by blocking the membrane traversal and access to blood/lymphatic vessels
- Blocking the remodeling of extra-cellular matrix in the vicinity of primary tumors to prevent stroma-bound growth factors from stimulating tumor growth
- Blocking angiogenesis by preventing the proliferation and migration of endothelial cells and neovascularization of tumor.

Experimental evidence suggests that gelatinase A and gelatinase B are particularly important in tumor progression, consequently the project team has targeted gelatinase selective inhibitors for the treatment of cancer. Another reason for targeting highly gelatinase selective MMP inhibitors relates to the side effect profile exhibited by broad-spectrum agents like marimastat. Chronic administration of marimastat causes a dose-limiting side-effect characterized by severe joint pain and stiffness. Since these joint effects may be mediated by inhibition of other MMPs like fibroblast collagenase, highly gelatinase selective agents may be efficacious without producing dose-limiting side effects.

The MMP selectivity profile exhibited by ABT-518 distinguishes it from competitor's compounds. ABT-518 possesses sub-nanomolar inhibition potencies versus both gelatinase A and gelatinase B and is substantially more selective for the inhibition of the gelatinases over fibroblast collagenase than marimastat and prinomastat. Despite its high selectivity, ABT-518 demonstrates antitumor activity equal or superior to prinomastat. Inhibition of tumor growth is dose dependent in both syngeneic and xenograft models. ABT-518 is also effective in blocking vessel formation in a mouse model of angiogenesis. ABT-518 is a stable crystalline solid which can be synthesized in six steps (25% overall yield) from commercial starting material.

ABT-518 gives rise to sustained plasma concentrations following single oral dosing in monkeys, dogs and rats. Bioavailabilities range between 68 and 93% depending on formulation and species. Several metabolites are produced after repeated oral dosing of ABT-518, although their relative amounts varies with gender and species.

ABT-518 displays no meaningful effects in genotoxicity, cytotoxicity and ligand binding assays and its cardiovascular effects in dogs are unremarkable. ABT-518 produces no significant toxic effects in rats treated with 100 mg/kg/day over 28 days. Plasma concentrations generated by ABT-518 in these studies are at least 20-fold higher than those necessary to produce efficacy in cancer animal models. ABT-518 is therefore a compelling development candidate with the potential to

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demonstrate antitumor effects superior to the MMP inhibitors currently undergoing clinical trials. Phase 1 clinical trials in cancer patients began March 2001.

#### *The market*

Currently, cytotoxic agents represent the largest, and fastest growing, class of oncology agents by sales volume. The following chart summarizes the value of the current oncology market.

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The ultimate commercial and clinical success of the MMPI will depend on the clinical benefit this product provides in key cancer types compared with current best therapy. These can be benefits provided by dosing this agent in addition to current therapy and/or as an alternative to best therapy, or as a new component of best therapy. All currently available products, including the market leaders such as Taxol, have significant shortcomings in their profiles.

However, as novel therapy, MMPIs will probably be adopted initially as add-on the current chemotherapy. As benefits are proven and clinical experience is gained, these agents may be used in earlier stages of cancer and/or in conjunction with surgery or radiation to prevent the progression of any microscopic disease that remains.

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Trastuzumab/Herceptin/Genetech	11.26

Late Stage NSCL	
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Paclitaxel/Taxol/BMS	44.14
Vinorelbine/Navelbine/Glaxo	22.78
Gemcitabine/Gemzar/Lilly	22.14
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	11.28

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Product	Share
Paclitaxel/Taxol/BMS	47.11
Carboplatin/Paraplatin/BMS	45.42
Topotecan/Hycamtin/SKB	22.54
Dox SL/Doxil/Alza	9.14
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	7.58

Late Stage Pancreas	
Product	Share
Gemcitabine/Gemzar/Lilly	78.5
5-FU/Efudex/ICN Pharma	21.0
Leucovorin/	10.7
Cisplatin/Platinol/BMS	4.72

#### Compounds in Development

The MMP inhibitor field is competitive. More than 30 firms have filed patents claiming small molecule MMP inhibitors over the past 5 years, and several companies have compounds in advanced clinical development. Abbott's compound may be 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> to market and will have to demonstrate a competitive advantage to gain the share necessary to support the clinical development of this compound. Companies with compounds in advanced clinical development for the treatment of cancer include Agouron/Warner Lambert/Pfizer, British Biotechnology/Schering Plough and BMS and are listed below. Other companies are targeting this mechanism for arthritis.

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Compound	Company	Comments	Phase
Marimistat	BritishBiotechnology/ Schering Plough	Broad spectrum, dose limiting toxicity. Activity seen in gastric cancer, but negative results in pancreatic.	III
Prinomastat	Agouron/ Warner Lambert/ Pfizer	Moderate gelatinase selectivity, dose limiting toxicity. May be dosing sub-optimally to avoid toxicity. Efficacy data not available.	III
BMS 275291	BMS	Broad spectrum, joint effects seen in Phase I studies.	II

Bayer recently dropped development of BAY 12-9566 due to concerns about potential toxicity. Recent results from a study with marimistat in pancreatic cancer, where adding marimistat to Gemzar resulted in no survival advantage, has led to speculation that MMPs may be more applicable in less aggressive cancer types or earlier stages of the disease. Alternatively, it could be a reflection of the inability to examine higher doses of marimastat due to joint effects.

The joint effects produced by the compounds listed above almost certainly preclude their long-term use, limit compliance and reduce optimal efficacy. Any MMP inhibitor that lacks these side effects will possess a substantial competitive advantage. The musculoskeletal effect produced by marimastat and prinomastat in cancer patients is typically described as arthralgia, myalgia and tendinitis, which occurs predominately in the upper limbs. While mild cases respond to analgesics, interrupting therapy for a period of approximately 2 weeks is necessary when the condition is less well tolerated.

Although Abbott's timing to market is not optimal, the shortcomings of the competitive products provide an opportunity for a compound with an improved SE or efficacy profile. Current animal models seem to predict Abbott's compound is superior to those currently in clinical trials, and has the potential to be best in class.

#### *Product profile*

The objective of a product profile at this time in the product's development is to provide a target for the types of attributes that will be required to be commercially successful. This profile is based on market research with oncologists and consultation with opinion leaders. This profile will continue to be refined as more is known about this product's profile, development of competitive products and the market continues to evolve.

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	Base	Optimal
Efficacy	ABT-518, alone or in combination with best therapy, provides at least one of	Provides more than one of the efficacy benefits outlined.

	the following benefits in at least one solid tumor type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased survival</li> <li>Tumor regression</li> <li>Improved quality of life</li> <li>Increased time to tumor/disease progression</li> </ul>	
Competitive advantage	ABT-518 will need to demonstrate a clinically significant advantage in efficacy (see parameters above) or additive synergistic activity with current/competitive agents or clinically significant advantage in side-effect profile relative to other MMPI agents.	Same
Administration	Convenient administration relative to competitive agents.	Same plus reimbursement in US market.
COGS	A finished cost of goods that is consistent with at least an 80% standard manufacturing margin.	A finished cost of goods that is consistent with at least a 90% standard manufacturing margin.

#### *Marketing overview*

**Product Usage:** Physicians have indicated that they would use MMPIs initially in their more refractory patients, as follow-on or add-on to current best therapy (chemo or surgical). With experience and clinical evidence, they would be willing to use these agents in earlier stages of the disease, where they perceived the greatest benefit to be. The MMPI was regarded as a maintenance therapy to be used in early disease or after primary therapy as a prophylactic process to prevent the spread of malignancy.

**Product Benefits/Efficacy:** Physicians are looking for improvements in time to tumor progression and prevention of metastases with cytostatic agents. The MMPI mechanism has more recently been implicated as having an even more active role in cancer pathogenesis, from preventing primary tumor growth to anti-angiogenic properties. Positive results from competitive agents, such as marimistat in gastric cancer, provides proof of principle for this mechanism.

**Side Effects:** The proposed safety profile of MMPIs (excluding joint toxicity) may enhance usage, as the dose limiting toxicity profiles of most of the other available agents has established a much lower hurdle for demonstrating a preferred profile. However, as chronic therapy, MMPIs may have to demonstrate a cleaner profile than cytotoxic agents do to ensure compliance. As the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> MMPI to market, SE hurdles will be even higher for this compound. As a critical Go/No Go decision point, the joint toxicity of this compound will be evaluated in an expanded Phase I multi-dose study.

**Dosing:** Discovery is currently targeting an oral dosage form. In general, oral therapies are acknowledged by physicians and patients as being more convenient to the patient. Chronic oral dosing may also reduce overall costs, as infusion support products and personnel would not be required, enhancing pharmacoeconomic evidence.

**COGS:** Initial estimates on finished cost of drug suggest that drug costs will not be significant for this compound

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*Off-label use:* Off label use accounts for between 30-60% of an oncology product's usage. Off-label use is driven by publication of clinical trial results in credible journals, listing in key compendia and/or a peer's experience with the product. Therefore, development spend for off-label use is considerably less than the spend required for regulatory approval of an indication. However, promotion of these off-label uses is limited.

*Competition:* As the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> MMPI to market, Abbott's compound will need to demonstrate a meaningful clinical advantage over compounds that are in more advanced development. Strict Go/No Go criteria will determine if the MMPI can meet these hurdles. If they cannot be met, the compound will not move forward.

*Development/Regulatory:* With a new class of compounds, there is not a clearly defined clinical development path or regulatory guidelines for reference. This hurdle is similar for all the competitive products, but increases the overall development risk profile for these agents. However, with several MMPIs in late stage development, Abbott can learn from their experience.

*Other Approaches:* Other "cytostatic" approaches may present a competitive threat if they are used as substitutes. Due to the complexity of the pathogenesis of cancer, it is more likely that these agents will be used in combinations, but incremental benefits may become more difficult to demonstrate as the number of products and approaches multiply. This will require additional studies, as these other classes become part of standard cancer treatment. However, this threat is not unique to this compound.

*Pricing:* The treatment of cancer is expensive, so there is the potential for a great deal of pricing flexibility in this market. However, as an oral therapy in the US market, there may be additional downward price pressure for this agent. There is also an increasing emphasis on cost-effectiveness studies that will need to be addressed in the development plan.

*Dosing:* Discovery is currently targeting an oral dosage form. In general, oral therapies are preferred by physicians and patients because of the convenience to the patient. However, this form may not be the best choice for some people who already have certain digestive system symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea, or severe nausea), cannot swallow liquids or pills, or cannot remember when or how many pills to take. Additionally, in the US market there are several unique factors that currently do not favor oral therapies. Novel oral therapies are not currently reimbursed by Medicare, a significant payer for the oncology patient population. Also, 40-60% of a community oncologist's income is generated through the administration of IV drugs. An oral therapy would not be a source of revenue to the physician.

#### *Clinical Studies*

Clinical studies across a wide range of solid tumors will be initiated, including but not limited to breast cancer, non small cell lung cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, etc...

Final indications pursued will depend from the results of the phase II studies.

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# Farnesyltransferase Inhibitor

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#### Overview

The Ras genes were the first oncogenes of mammalian origin to be discovered. Intensive research over the last decade has led to the elucidation of the normal function of cellular Ras protein, the role of Ras mutations in oncogenic transformation, and the identification of molecular targets, such as the enzyme farnesyltransferase, for inhibiting Ras activity. Although farnesyltransferase inhibitors (FTIs) were initially designed with the intention of inhibiting the posttranslational prenylation, and hence function, of Ras, it is now becoming apparent that farnesylated proteins other than Ras (e.g., RhoB) are also critical for malignant growth and may be the relevant target for inhibition of farnesylation. While it remains controversial whether blocking Ras activity or altering the RhoB prenylation status is the actual function of an FTI, these agents, exemplified by ABT-839 and FTIs in the clinic, exhibit remarkable anticancer activity against a wide variety of tumors in preclinical models. The current FTI program is projected to reach DDC status in January, 2001.

Abbott evaluated one FTI, ABT-839, in normal volunteers, but decided to discontinue development of this drug due to its poor pharmacokinetic profile. Invaluable experience was gained, however, from both the preclinical and clinical studies with this compound. Abbott's second-generation series are novel structures that exhibit significantly improved potency and oral bioavailability.

There continues to be tremendous enthusiasm in the medical community and pharmaceutical industry for this mechanism of action. Farnesyltransferase inhibitors have demonstrated impressive antitumor activity in preclinical models with activity equivalent to or better than that achieved with conventional cytotoxic chemotherapy given at the maximal tolerated dose. These agents appear to inhibit angiogenesis and, consistent with this activity, minimal resistance has been observed in preclinical models. The potential also exists for synergistic activity in combination with cytotoxic chemotherapy.

#### The market

Cancer remains the second leading cause of death in the US, and consequently is an attractive market opportunity for the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industries. Approximately 40% of all Americans will develop cancer in their lifetime.

The worldwide cytotoxic and hormonal cancer therapies market is highly fragmented with only BMS and Zeneca holding a greater than 10% market share. Although the market is not concentrated, the field is highly competitive with more than 60 companies focused on the cancer research area. The growth of the oncology market is fueled by increasing disease incidence, new product entries, new therapeutic approaches, a growing adjunct therapy market that expands the number of patients eligible for chemotherapy, and intensified research competition. The data in Tables 1 and 2 summarize the value of the current oncology market. A great deal of uncertainty surrounds the concept of cytostatic treatment of cancer. Conceptually it may transform the way cancer is treated, allowing patients longer disease free survival and improved quality of life. However, at this point in development, this paradigm does not exist in cancer. Considering market, clinical and patient dynamics factors, breast, colorectal, prostate and non-small cell lung cancers are the most attractive targets for development.

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Late Stage NSCL	
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Carboplatin/Paraplatin/BMS	50.32
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Vinorelbine/Navelbine/Glaxo	22.78
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Leucovorin/	10.7
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Emerging science within the past decade has radically altered the paradigm for cancer therapy and presents opportunities for fundamentally new ways of approaching the disease. Abbott has multiple discovery cytostatic targets, which may improve effective, but we are not alone: more than 200 compounds from other players are in development. The goal of cytostatic therapy is to improve quality of life, controlling the disease and transforming aggressive treatment to a chronic condition, which has been compared to the impact of protease inhibitors on the course of HIV.

#### *Clinical Studies*

Considering all the factors, market, clinical and patient dynamics, breast, colorectal, prostate and non-small cell lung cancer appear to be the most attractive targets for development. The development of cytostatic agents faces a number of challenges as regulatory agencies and physicians evaluate the new emerging paradigm of cancer therapy.

Despite the enormous medical need, drugs for chronic treatment/disease stabilization and improved quality of life for cancer patients do not yet exist. Correspondingly, animal models test efficacy that has not yet been validated as predictive of response in humans. Medical oncologists have historically depended on determination of maximum tolerated dose and response manifested by tumor shrinkage for cancer drug development. These parameters are not relevant to novel "cytostatic" agents. Combination with conventional cytotoxic drugs will be required in the near term and will have to be determined empirically. Intermediate and surrogate measures of biological response will have to be developed. Regulatory agencies are grappling with the same issues.

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Competition:

Within Project Approach

Company	Compound	Indication	Status of compound	Status of project
Janssen Pharmaceutica	R-11577 (A-251076)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase III	active
Schering-Plough	Sch66336 (A-285622)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase II	active
Merck	L-778123	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I (Lv.) abandoned	unknown
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMS-214662	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I	active
LG Chemical	LB 42908	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	active
Rhône-Poulenc Rorer	quinuclidine derivatives	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	active
Pfizer	unknown structure	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	active
Parke-Davis	unknown structure	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	active
Roche	peptidomimetics	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	abandoned project
Eisai	peptidomimetics	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	abandoned project
Banyu	FPP mimetic	Cancer (unspecified)	preclinical	unknown
ISIS	ISIS-2503 (ras antisense)	Cancer (unspecified)	Phase I	active

Within Therapeutic Area

Approach	Selected Compounds	Company(ies)	Status
antisense	ISIS 3521, ISIS 5132	ISIS	phase I
cytotoxic agents	camptothecin, CI-580, farestrocin, Genzar, Hycamelin, Indarubicin, Novantrone, Onconase, Capecitabine, Tomudex	P&U, Warner-Lambert, Schering, Lilly, SKB, P&U, Immunex, Alfacell, Roche, Zeneca	most phase III
differentiation	targetetin, panretin, 5-azacytidine	Ligand, NCI	Ligand in phase II/III
drug resistance modifiers	VX-710, 776C85, RMP-7, CT-2584	Vertex, Glaxo Wellcome, Alkermes, Cell Therapeutics	Vertex in phase II
gene therapy	Onyx-015, MDRx1, GLJ-328, IL-2, GV-1301	Onyx, Introgen, Therion Biologics, Theragen, Genetic Therapy, Cyclacel, RPR Genecell, GeneMedicine, Titan, etc	Restricted to accessible cancers. Most advanced: Phase I/II
hormonal therapy	Zolodex, amidex, droloxifen, Oncolor, Rivizor, Casodex, rogletimide	Zeneca, Pfizer, Novartis, Janssen, US bioscience	most phase III
immunotherapy			
antibodies	IDEC-Y2/n2B8, anti-HER2, anti EGFR	IDEC, Genetech, ImClone	IDEC recently approved, others phase III
cytokines	IL-12, IL-4, Proteukin, Roferon-A	Roche, Schering, Chiron, Roche	phase III
vaccines	rV-gp100, Genevax, MGv	Apollon, Therion, Progenics	phase I, II
photodynamic	photofrin, promycin	OLT photo, Vion	phase III
radiation sensitizers	Neu-Sensamide, radinyl	Oxigene, Roberts	phase II, III
metalloproteinase inhibitors	marimastat, AG-3340, CGS-27023A	British Biotech, Agouron, Novartis, Bayer	BBT in phase III
angiogenesis inhibitors	TNP-470, SU-5416, anti VEGF-mAb, thalidomide, DC101	TAP, Sugen, Genentech, Entremed, ImClone, etc	see angiogenesis project review for details

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Competitive Analysis

The project is on par with others in the industry. While second generation Abbott compounds are not yet in clinic, all of the compounds from other companies that are in clinical trials have deficiencies. While the Schering compound has the best oral PK profile, it is not particularly potent. The Janssen compound is potent, but has a poor PK profile. The Merck compound exhibited QTc prolongation and development has been stopped. The Bristol Myers Squibb compound, BMS-214662, which is in phase I, is an *in vitro* submicromolar inducer of apoptosis in human tumor cells and appears to be the most potent inducer of apoptosis of the known FTIs. This compound could have a different mechanism of action from the classical FTIs and have its own liabilities. LG42908 from LG Chemical is potent FTI and has good oral bioavailability (F=91% in monkey), however, it's a CYP3A4 inhibitor and will have significant drug-drug interaction liabilities. Extensive preclinical pharmacology at Abbott has defined optimum parameters for a FTase inhibitor that may not be known to our competitors, or be achievable with the current generation of FTIs. Although not yet established, we anticipate that the Abbott compound will be improved over competitors' compounds with respect to potency, oral bioavailability, half-life, toxicity, efficacy, angiogenesis inhibition, and lack of resistance.

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# **DOPAMINE RECEPTOR AGONIST PROGRAM**

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## D4 Agonists for Male Erectile Dysfunction

### Scientific Overview

Male erectile dysfunction (MED) is defined as the "inability to maintain an erection sufficient for satisfactory sexual intercourse" (NIH Consensus Panel) and results from physiological (organic), psychogenic causes, or a combination thereof. This disorder is associated with decreased quality of life, including personal well being, and diminished family and social relationships. In 1999, an estimated 77 million men over the age of 40 (52% of men over 40 years-old) in the seven major pharmaceutical markets experienced some degree of MED, and the prevalence increases with age. Approximately 10-20% of patients have severe or complete MED, and the majority of the population suffers from moderate disease. While the introduction of Viagra has increased the diagnosis rate of MED in the U.S., 75% or more of patients do not seek treatment. However, as the "baby boomer" generation ages, MED will become a more prominent concern and a growing number of patients are likely to seek treatment.

Abbott's male erectile dysfunction program targeting D4 dopamine receptors represents a novel therapeutic approach to the rapidly growing male erectile dysfunction (MED) market. The current gold standard for the treatment of MED, Viagra, acts peripherally at the penile smooth muscle level to induce erection by modulating the levels of cGMP. In contrast, a selective D4 dopamine agonist will act in the brain at the sites necessary for initiation of a successful erection. Targeting the D4 receptors in brain offers the potential for efficacy in patients with MED that do not respond to Viagra (for example patients with diabetes). Additionally, targeting D4 receptors should not result in any cardiovascular adverse events unlike Viagra which can cause serious cardiovascular effects in patients who are on nitroglycerine-based medications. Since safety is of paramount importance for any life-style disorder like MED, a new agent that does not have any contraindications or warnings related to safety issues may be positioned to become the gold-standard therapy.

Evidence for the potential of a selective D4 dopamine receptor agonist for the treatment of erectile dysfunction includes:

- The non-selective dopamine receptor agonist apomorphine (Uprima<sup>TM</sup>) has been shown to be effective in phase III clinical trials, and has received scientific approval for market in the EU, for the treatment of MED. This validates the utility of dopaminergic agonists to facilitate penile erections in humans. However, the clinical development of apomorphine for the US market has been hampered by dose limiting side-effects (emesis and syncope).
- Studies at Abbott have established that the efficacy of apomorphine (penile erection) and side-effect (emesis) are mediated by different dopamine receptor subtypes. There are 5 known dopamine receptors. Abbott scientists have discovered that the selective activation of D<sub>4</sub> receptors can facilitate penile erection in animals, while the D<sub>2</sub> receptor appears to mediate the emetic effect of apomorphine. The discovery of a D<sub>4</sub> selective agonist maximizes the possibility to identify a compound with equivalent/superior efficacy to apomorphine but devoid of its side-effect liabilities.

PPD is currently screening the Abbott library of compounds to identify novel and proprietary D4 dopamine receptor compounds. Initial hits have been identified that are as potent as any known D4 dopamine receptor agonist. The strategy is to aggressively profile these hits for selectivity across the five different dopamine receptor subtypes and to ensure that selective agents are effective in a number of preclinical in vivo models of MED and have no emetic or cardiovascular side effects. The D4 dopamine receptor agonist program will be discontinued if selective D4 agonists do not achieve at least a 30-fold separation between efficacy in a model of MED and cardiovascular/emetic side effects.

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Abbott has a competitive advantage in the race to exploit selective D4 dopamine receptor agonists for MED. A patent application covering the use of any selective D4 agonist for the treatment of MED has been filed and no other pharmaceutical company may have the range of preclinical models of efficacy and safety in addition to access to the clinical information gained from the development of apomorphine. Our molecular modeling group has facilitated advances in the design of selective D4 agonists.

#### *Market Analysis*

The introduction of Viagra combined with increased disease awareness resulted in the MED market in the US exploding from \$157MM in 1997 to an estimated \$726MM in 2000. Worldwide, this market has seen similar growth, and is estimated at \$500MM for ex-US for 2000. Viagra currently dominates the MED market, with more than \$1billion in sales in the \$1.3 billion worldwide market in 1999, and >95% of the MED prescriptions in the US. The market growth is expected to continue, with an estimated CAGR in the US of 17.9% (2000 – 2005), fueled by increased awareness of MED, expanded use to wider patient segments for relationship or performance enhancement, and the introduction of heavily promoted new agents. Downward pressure on growth will come from continued perceptions of safety concerns, the limited efficacy of Viagra™, and out-of-pocket cost to patients.

Market drivers influencing the potential of a D4 dopamine receptor agonist include:

- Patient Awareness and Demand Viagra has built considerable awareness of MED. However, in the US, only 10-25% of current MED patients seek treatment for this disorder. Ex-US the percentage of patients seeking treatment is lower (10%). This is mainly due to the lack of DTC promotional campaigns in the ex-US markets. Further market expansion requires continued patient and physician education.
- Product Safety: There are growing patient and regulatory concerns regarding the safety of Viagra. While, physicians currently perceive Viagra™ to be safe, if used by the correct patients, there is significant concern regarding the concomitant use of nitrates for cardiovascular disorders with Viagra. Approximately 10% of Viagra patient deaths have been attributed to use of nitrates. Thus, there is an opportunity to eliminate this concern for physicians and to expand the market.
- Product Efficacy: In clinical trials Viagra allowed successful intercourse in about 50% of attempts. The limited and inconsistent efficacy of the product has resulted in patient dissatisfaction and discontinuation, thus creating a chance to drive Viagra quitters or switchers, as well as new patients, to new, more effective, MED products. The demonstration of efficacy in a broader population of MED patients might also influence physicians to try an alternative product prior to Viagra. The delay in onset (~1hr) and the variability in onset of action from patient to patient is an additional complaint about Viagra. Product features of a selective D4 agonist such as a more rapid onset of action or more reproducible onset will have a positive influence on the market opportunity for MED therapies.
- Additional Indications: Use of a D4 dopamine receptor agon in other indications such as "relationship enhancement" (female sexual dysfunction and age-related decline in male sexual performance) offers an opportunity to both expand the potential market to include women and non-MED sufferers, and reduce the embarrassment of MED for patients. Additional research is required to identify meaningful endpoints in this expanded indication. Initial studies conducted by Pfizer showed that Viagra™ was not effective to treat female sexual dysfunction.

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### Competitive Overview

The following tables summarize the key competitive activities in regard to marketed products and products in the development pipeline. To date there are no reports any other company targeting selective D4 agonists for the treatment of MED, although a number of companies do have activities in the dopamine receptor arena for other indications that could be re-focused to MED if they became aware of Abbott's insights into the D4 receptor.

#### A. Oral agents

Approach	Compound/Product	Company(ies)	Status
PDE5 inhibition	Sildenafil (Viagra™)	Pfizer	Marketed
DA receptor	Apomorphine (Uprima™)	TAP	NDA filing withdrawn
Adrenergic	Phentolamine (Vasomax™)	Schering-Plough/Zonagen	NDA filing on hold (>1 year)
PDE5 inhibition	IC351 (Cialis™)	ICOS-Lilly	Phase III
PDE5 inhibition	Vardenafil	Bayer	Phase II-III

#### B. Intranasal

Approach	Compound/Product	Company(ies)	Status
DA receptor	Nasal apomorphine	Nastech	Phase II

#### C. Intracavernosal agents

Approach	Compound/Product	Company(ies)	Status
EP receptor	PGE <sub>1</sub> (Caverjet™, Edex™)	Pharmacia, Schwarz Pharma	Marketed
VIP receptor/ Adrenergic	VIP-phentolamine (Invicorp™)	Senetek	Marketed outside US
K channels	PNU 83757	Pharmacia	Phase II

#### D. Intraurethral agents

Approach	Compound/Product	Company(ies)	Status
EP receptor	PGE <sub>1</sub> (Muse™)	Vivus, Abbott	Marketed

#### E. Topical

Approach	Compound/Product	Company(ies)	Status
EP receptor	PGE <sub>1</sub> (Aprox-TD; Topiglan)	NexMed; MacroChem	Phase II and III

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**ABT-773***Opportunity Overview*

ABT-773 pertains to a promising new class of antibiotics known as ketolides. ABT-773 is likely to have activity against resistant strains of bacteria and will, therefore, compete effectively against currently marketed antibiotics. The compound is currently in Phase IIb trials. It is scheduled to begin in phase III clinical trials in Q4, 2000 and has an expected U.S. launch date of January 2003. Ex-U.S. launches are projected for 2003 and 2004 for Europe and Japan, respectively.

Product features such as high efficacy, activity against resistant strains of bacteria and convenience should enable it to compete against both Zithromax and newer agents such as the quinolones. Dosing is expected to be once-a-day. A 5-day convenience pak at a competitive price will help maximize sales. Worldwide sales, including tablet/capsule, oral suspension and intravenous (I.V.) forms, are projected to top \$1 billion by 2007.

*The US Market*

The overall antibiotic market in the U.S. reached \$8.9 billion in sales in 1999. The tab/cap segment is the largest; sales in 1999 were \$5.7 billion. The I.V. and oral suspension segments are comparatively smaller; total sales topped \$2.1 and \$1.1 billion, respectively.

Tab/cap and oral suspension prescription volume had been declining 1-2% per year in the period of 1995-1998, due to more appropriate prescribing in the face of increasing resistance. However, total tab/cap prescription volume recovered in 1999 and grew 6.3%. Even in the face of negative pressure on antibiotic use, dollar sales in the U.S. have continued to increase, particularly in the tab/cap market. This is due to the trend of replacing relatively low-cost generic agents with higher priced premium antibiotics. The market is willing to bear higher costs for agents that satisfy unmet needs. The I.V. market has grown slightly in terms of sales, also being driven largely by the replacement of generic agents with more costly branded agents.

Macrolides, largely fueled by the gains of Zithromax, have seen significant growth in terms of both prescriptions and sales. Zithromax prescriptions far outnumber those of other competitors, while its sales have nearly surpassed those of the sales leader, Cipro. Historically, quinolones saw relatively limited use for community respiratory tract infections (RTIs) because of poor Gram-positive coverage and sub-optimal adverse event profiles. Newer quinolones such as Levaquin have been successful in achieving more widespread use by virtue of its improved activity and adverse event profile. Levaquin currently accounts for approximately 30% of quinolone market share. It is anticipated that recent quinolone introductions (Avelox, Tequin) will build upon the RTI momentum established by Levaquin. The growth of the macrolide and quinolone classes has come largely at the expense of cephalosporins and generic agents such as erythromycin and penicillin.

The following table shows 1999 tab/cap sales and prescriptions by class/product:

	Sales			TRXs		
	Sales (\$MM)	Share	CAGR <sub>95-99</sub>	TRXs (MM)	Share	CAGR <sub>95-99</sub>
Penicillins	\$148.3	2.6%	-1.0%	52.5	23.7%	-5.6%
Cephalosporins	\$980.9	17.2%	-5.8%	37.9	17.1%	-3.5%
Ceftin	\$383.9	6.7%	1.8%	5.0	2.3%	-1.0%
Cefzil	\$188.7	3.3%	12.5%	2.7	1.2%	11.3%
Other	\$408.3	7.1%	-14.7%	30.1	13.6%	-4.8%
Ext. Spec. Macrolides	\$1,595.6	27.9%	19.9%	36.1	16.3%	20.8%
Biaxin	\$690.5	12.1%	6.1%	11.3	5.1%	1.2%
Zithromax	\$891.1	15.6%	42.1%	24.4	11.0%	41.5%
Other	\$14.0	0.2%	21.0%	0.4	0.2%	53.0%
Quinolones	\$1,622.1	28.4%	17.0%	24.0	10.8%	11.7%
Cipro	\$902.5	15.8%	8.3%	14.1	6.4%	5.1%
Levaquin	\$529.4	9.3%	NA	7.0	3.1%	NA
Other	\$190.2	3.3%	-2.2%	3.0	1.3%	-6.4%
Augmentin	\$778.1	13.6%	17.8%	10.7	4.8%	11.8%
Other Classes	\$590.5	10.3%	-1.1%	60.4	27.3%	-4.1%
<b>TOTAL TAB/CAP</b>	<b>\$5,715.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

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*U.S. Market Projections*

Resistance to antibiotics is likely to increase, creating opportunities for new agents with activity against resistance. Physicians will be urged to choose agents with an appropriate spectrum of activity relative to the infection being treated. Resistance will increasingly become part of the promotional mix for emerging agents. The ability of an agent to treat resistant strains and the real or perceived ability to slow or prevent resistance development (mutation prevention concentration, low mutation frequency, structure-activity relationships, etc) may confer competitive advantage to such agents.

- Quinolones, which historically have seen limited use in community-acquired respiratory infections, will become a significant class in this segment as new agents from this class are launched that specifically target RTIs.
- The market will become more competitive as new agents enter both the community segment (ketolides, quinolones) as well as the nosocomial segment (oxazolidinones, streptogramins, everninomycins, peptides, others).
- Several key branded antibiotics will lose patent exclusivity over the next three to five years.. This may create an opportunity in the pediatric market as the top three pediatric brands (Augmentin, Cefzil, Zithromax) are among those losing patent exclusivity.

Antiviral influenza and cold therapeutics, as well as an increasing number of antibacterial vaccines may have a negative impact on antibiotic prescriptions.

*The Ex-U.S. Market*

Ex-U.S. sales of antibiotics totaled \$11.7 billion in 1999. Tab/cap represents the largest segment, with sales of \$9.4 billion from 770 million total prescriptions. Total Rx growth has been flat, with a 1996-99 CAGR of 0.5%. The use of antibiotics is predicted to slowly decline due to more judicious use of antibacterials in the face of increasing bacterial resistance.

Ex-U.S., the quinolone class accounted for 8% of total tab/cap market prescriptions (62 million Rx's) and 13% of sales (\$1.2 billion). Ciprofloxacin is the market leader ex-U.S. with approximately 47% of the quinolone market Rx's (29 million Rx's) and 44% (\$530MM) of sales. Levofloxacin launched in many European markets in 1998/1999 and holds approximately 14% Rx share of the European quinolone market and 0.8% of the overall tab/cap market. Although grepafloxacin and trovafloxacin also launched in some European countries in 1999, both products were recently pulled from the market due to liver toxicity and other complications. Moxifloxacin launched in Germany in Q4 1999, but has not yet been approved in other markets. In Japan, levofloxacin launched in 1994 and still commands a 65% Rx share of the quinolone market and 10% of the Japanese tab/cap market overall. Japan accounts for approximately 80% of ex-U.S. levofloxacin sales (\$370MM).

*Scientific Rationale for ABT-773*

The likely profile of ABT-773 justifies further development:

- ABT-773 pertains to a new class of antibiotics.
- Good activity against resistant gram + organisms, particularly macrolide resistant *S. pneumoniae*.
- Convenience, safety, and tolerability profile competitive with Z-pak.
- Oral Suspension and I.V. forms enabling penetration into pediatrics and hospital segments.

*Clinical Studies*

The safety and efficacy of ABT-773 in AECB were studied in a multi-center Phase II clinical trial conducted between January and April of 1999. Dosing regimens of 100mg TID and 200mg TID were tested. Of the 169 enrolled patients, 159 were clinically evaluable and 96 were both clinically and bacteriologically evaluable. The following chart summarizes the results.

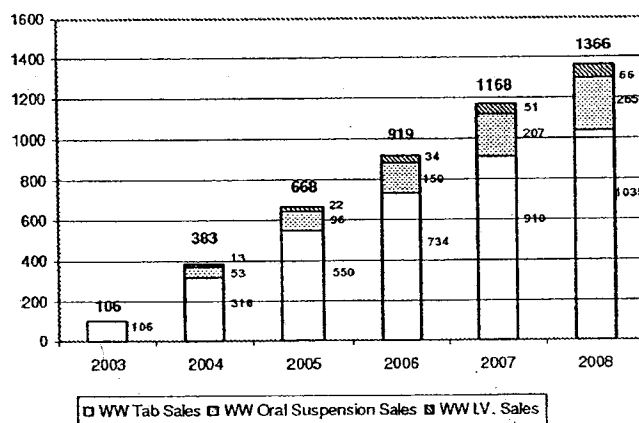
Presumed Bacterial Eradication	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	Overall Eradication
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	100% (13/13)	90% (9/10)	96% (22/23)
<i>M. catarrhalis</i>	100% (6/6)	100% (7/7)	100% (13/13)
<i>H. influenzae</i>	96% (23/24)	92% (24/26)	92% (47/50)
<i>H. parainfluenzae</i>	100% (6/6)	88% (7/8)	93% (13/14)
Clinical Response	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	
Cure	96% (77/80)	92% (73/79)	
Failure	4% (3/80)	6% (3/48)	
Clinical and Bacteriological Response	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	
Cure	96% (46/48)	94% (45/48)	
Failure	4% (2/48)	6% (3/48)	
Adverse Events	ABT-773 100mg TID	ABT-773 200mg TID	Overall
Taste Perversion	5% (4/84)	8% (7/85)	6.5% (11/169)
Diarrhea	11% (9/84)	6% (5/85)	8% (14/169)
Nausea	2% (2/84)	2% (2/85)	2% (4/169)
Abdominal Pain	1% (1/84)	2% (2/85)	2% (3/169)
Headache	2% (2/84)	1% (1/85)	2% (3/169)
Rash	2% (2/84)	1% (1/85)	2% (3/169)
Dyspnea	2% (2/84)		1% (2/169)
Elev. Liver Funct. Test	1% (1/84)	1% (1/85)	1% (2/169)
Fever		2% (2/85)	1% (2/169)

*Patent Status*

ABT-773 will have patent exclusivity through 2016.

## Financial Projections

## Total Worldwide ABT-773 Net Sales (\$MM)



Total Worldwide ABT-773 Net Sales by Form (\$MM)						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
US Tablet Sales	64	159	289	383	481	570
US Oral Suspension Sales		41	59	88	123	162
US I.V. Sales		12	18	26	37	48
Total U.S. Sales	64	212	366	497	641	780
Ex-US Tablet Sales	43	157	261	352	430	465
Ex-US Oral Suspension Sales		12	38	63	84	103
Ex-US I.V. Sales		1	4	8	14	18
Total Ex-US Sales	43	170	303	423	528	586
Total Worldwide ABT-773 Sales	106	383	668	919	1168	1366

## Assumptions for Financial Projections

- The tab form of ABT-773 launches in the U.S. and ex-U.S. in 2003; I.V. and oral suspension launch in 2004.
- 5 day QD compliance pak available.
- ABT-773 priced competitively with other macrolides, ketolides and quinolones in market at time of launch.
- Efficacy against multi-drug resistant Strep. pneumoniae is main point of differentiation vs. beta-lactam, macrolide and quinolone antibiotics.
- Tolerability equivalent to Zithromax.

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## Key Emerging Competitors

Generic	Brand	Company	Class	Status
moxifloxacin	Avelox	Bayer	Quinolone	Approved by FDA 12/13/00
gatifloxacin	Tequin	BMS	Quinolone	Approved by FDA 12/21/00
gemifloxacin	Factive	SKB	Quinolone	Filed NDA 12/15
T-3811	TBD	BMS/Toyama	Quinolone	Phase I
telithromycin	Ketek	Aventis	Ketolide	Filed NDA 3/00
linezolid	Zyvox	Pharmacia	Oxazolidinone	Approved by FDA Q2 '00

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## **D'S EXHIBIT 809**



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1: J Antimicrob Chemother 2000 Feb;45(2):167-73

Macrolide resistance and erythromycin resistance determinants among Belgian *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* isolates.

Descheemaeker P, Chapelle S, Lammens C, Hauchecorne M, Wijdooghe M, Vandamme P, Ieven M, Goossens H

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**Resistance of streptococci to macrolide antibiotics is caused by target-site modification or drug efflux.** The phenotypic expression of target-site modification can be inducible or constitutive. The prevalence of the three phenotypes among Belgian erythromycin-resistant Group A streptococci (GAS) and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* isolates was surveyed, their MICs for seven antibiotics were determined and the clonality of the isolates was explored. Of the 2014 GAS isolates tested 131 (6.5%) were erythromycin resistant (MIC > 1 mg/L): 110 (84.0%) showed the M-resistance phenotype whereas the remaining 21 strains (16.0%) were constitutively resistant. No inducibly resistant strains were detected. Of 100 *S. pneumoniae* isolates, 33 were erythromycin resistant (MIC > 1 mg/L). In contrast to the GAS isolates, only 9.1% of the 33 erythromycin-resistant *S. pneumoniae* isolates showed the M-resistance phenotype. The presence of *mefA/E* and *ermB* genes in the M-resistant and constitutively and inducibly resistant strains, respectively, was confirmed by PCR analysis. Genomic analysis based on pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) using the restriction enzyme *SfiI*, revealed 54 different PFGE patterns among the 131 erythromycin-resistant GAS isolates, of which an M6 clone represented 16.0% of the strains; all other clones, exhibiting different M-types, represented <7% of the strains. The *S. pneumoniae* isolates also appeared to be polyclonally based, as determined by arbitrarily primed PCR. **The macrolides miocamycin and rovamycin, the lincosamide clindamycin and the ketolide HMR 3647 showed excellent activity against the M-resistant GAS and *S. pneumoniae* strains.** (HMR 3647 is a Hoechst Marion Roussel antibiotic. It appears in more than one recent paper as especially promising. Also a number of other antibiotics and types showed excellent activity?)

PMID: 10660498, UI: 20127818

\*\*\*2: Bioorg Med Chem Lett 1999 Nov 1;9(21):3075-80

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Synthesis and antibacterial activity of HMR 3647 a new ketolide highly potent against erythromycin-resistant and susceptible pathogens.

Denis A, Agouridas C, Auger JM, Benedetti Y, Bonnefoy A, Bretin F, Chantot JF, Dussarat A, Fromentin C, D'Ambrieres SG, Lachaud S, Laurin P, Le Martret O, Loyau V, Tessot N, Pejac JM, Perron S

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**In the search for new ketolides with improved activities against erythromycin-resistant *S. pneumoniae* and *H. influenzae* we synthesized a new 11,12 carbamate ketolide substituted by an imidazo-pyridyl side chain: HMR 3647.** *(Unlike polyketides, which are made in microorganisms by gene combinatorics, ketolides appear to be synthesized. Are their combinatorial approaches to identify promising candidates?)*  
**This compound demonstrated a potent activity against erythromycin susceptible and resistant pathogens, including penicillin G/erythromycin A-resistant *S. pneumoniae* and *H. influenzae*. In vivo, HMR 3647 displayed good pharmacokinetic parameters ( $C_{max}$  = 2.9 microg/ml, bioavailability=49%,  $AUC_{0.8}$  = 17.2 microg.h/l,  $t_{1/2}$ =1h) and was shown to have a high therapeutic efficacy in mice infected by various respiratory pathogens, including multi-resistant *S. pneumoniae* and Gram negative bacteria such as *H. influenzae*. HMR 3647 appears to be a very promising agent for the treatment of respiratory infections and is currently in clinical trials (Abbott doesn't list this in its "key emerging competitors," even though this is a Nov. 1999 article)** *(Which are the most promising new classes, Quinolones, polyketides, macrolides, ketolides, others?)*  
PMID: 10560728, UI: 20023384

3: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 1999 Apr;43(4):930-6

In vitro activities of two ketolides, HMR 3647 and HMR 3004, against gram-positive bacteria.

Malathum K, Coque TM, Singh KV, Murray BE  
*(Good interview candidates)*

Center for the Study of Emerging and Re-Emerging Pathogens, University of Texas Medical School, Houston 77030, USA.

**The in vitro activities of two new ketolides, HMR 3647 and HMR 3004, were tested by the agar dilution method against 280 strains of gram-positive bacteria with different antibiotic susceptibility profiles, including *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Streptococcus* spp. (group A streptococci, group B streptococci, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and alpha-hemolytic streptococci). Seventeen erythromycin-susceptible (EMs), methicillin-susceptible *S. aureus* strains were found to have HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 MICs 4- to 16-fold lower than those of erythromycin (MIC at which 50% of isolates were inhibited [MIC<sub>50</sub>] [HMR 3647 and HMR 3004], 0.03 microgram/ml;**

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range, 0.03 to 0.06 microgram/ml; MIC50 [erythromycin], 0.25 microgram/ml; range, 0.25 to 0.5 microgram/ml). All methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* strains tested were resistant to erythromycin and had HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 MICs of > 64 micrograms/ml. The ketolides were slightly more active against *E. faecalis* than against *E. faecium*, and MICs for individual strains varied with erythromycin susceptibility. The MIC50s of HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 against *Enterococcus* (MIC < or = 0.5 microgram/ml) and those enterococcal isolates with erythromycin MICs of 1 to 16 micrograms/ml were 0.015 microgram/ml. *E. faecalis* strains that had erythromycin MICs of 128 to > 512 micrograms/ml showed HMR 3647 MICs in the range of 0.03 to 16 micrograms/ml and HMR 3004 MICs in the range of 0.03 to 64 micrograms/ml. In the group of *E. faecium* strains for which MICs of erythromycin were > or = 512 micrograms/ml, MICs of both ketolides were in the range of 1 to 64 micrograms/ml, with almost all isolates showing ketolide MICs of < or = 16 micrograms/ml. The ketolides were also more active than erythromycin against group A streptococci, group B streptococci, *S. pneumoniae*, rhodococci, leuconostocs, pediococci, lactobacilli, and diphtheroids. Time-kill studies showed bactericidal activity against one strain of *S. aureus* among the four strains tested. The increased activity of ketolides against gram-positive bacteria suggests that further study of these agents for possible efficacy against infections caused by these bacteria is warranted.

PMID: 10103202, UI: 99216907

4: Curr Microbiol 1998 Dec;37(6):418-25

Inhibition of translation and 50S ribosomal subunit formation in *Staphylococcus aureus* cells by 11 different ketolide antibiotics.

Champney WS, Tober CL  
(interview candidates)

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, J.H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN 37614, USA.

Eleven structurally similar ketolide antibiotics were tested at a concentration of 1 µg/ml for their relative inhibitory effects on growth and ribosome activities in *Staphylococcus aureus* cells. Ten of the compounds examined had an inhibitory effect on protein synthesis at this concentration and eight of the 11 compounds were also effective inhibitors of the formation of the 50S ribosomal subunit. All of the drugs tested inhibited protein synthesis to a greater extent than they affected 50S subunit formation. The decline in growth rate and cell number was proportional to the effect on ribosome formation and function. The growth of an *ermC* erythromycin-resistant strain of *S. aureus* was also significantly inhibited by nine ketolide compounds, suggesting that they were not inducers of methylase gene expression. These inhibitory activities can be

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related to structural differences between these ketolide antibiotics.

PMID: 9806981, UI: 99025987

5: J Antimicrob Chemother 1998 Sep;42(3):297-301

In-vitro activity of the new ketolide antibiotic HMR 3647 against gram-positive bacteria.

Schulin T, Wennersten CB, Moellering RC Jr, Eliopoulos GM  
(*excellent interview candidates, because of local connection*)  
Department of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Harvard  
Medical School, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

(*Does Andy Onderdonk know these researchers*)

The comparative in-vitro activity of HMR 3647, a new ketolide antibiotic, was investigated against 492 clinical isolates of gram-positive bacteria, including multiply resistant strains, by an agar-dilution technique. All streptococci tested were inhibited by the new ketolide at concentrations  $\leq 0.5$  mg/L. HMR 3647 was more potent than erythromycin against staphylococci. (*Again, evidence of their promise*) For enterococci the new compound yielded an MIC<sub>90</sub> of 8 mg/L. Erysipelothrix spp., Pediococcus spp., Leuconostoc spp., Lactobacillus spp., JK diphtheroids and Listeria monocytogenes were also susceptible to the new ketolide.

PMID: 9786468, UI: 99000434

6: J Med Chem 1998 Oct 8;41(21):4080-100

Synthesis and antibacterial activity of ketolides (6-O-methyl-3-oxoerythromycin derivatives): a new class of antibacterials highly potent against macrolide-resistant and -susceptible respiratory pathogens.

Agouridas C, Denis A, Auger JM, Benedetti Y, Bonnefoy A, Bretin F, Chantot JF, Dussarat A, Fromentin C, D'Ambrieres SG, Lachaud S, Laurin P, Le Martret O, Loyau V, Tessot N

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In the search for new antibiotics active against macrolide-resistant pneumococci and Haemophilus influenzae, we synthesized a new class of 3-oxo-6-O-methylerythromycin derivatives, so-called "ketolides". A keto function

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was introduced in position 3 after removal of L-cladinose, a sugar which has long been thought essential. Further modifications of the macrolactone backbone allowed us to obtain three different series of 9-oxime, 11,12-carbamate, and 11,12-hydrazonocarbamate ketolides. These compounds were found to be very active against penicillin/erythromycin-resistant pneumococci and noninducers of MLSB resistance. The 11,12-substituted ketolide 61 (HMR 3004) demonstrated a potent activity against multiresistant pneumococci associated with a well-balanced activity against all bacteria involved in respiratory infections including H. influenzae, Mycoplasma catarrhalis, group A streptococci, and atypical bacteria. In addition HMR 3004 displayed high therapeutic activity in animals infected by all major strains, irrespective of their resistance phenotype.

PMID: 9767644, UI: 98440464

1: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Jul;44(7):1894-9

Antipneumococcal activity of ABT-773 compared to those of 10 other agents.

Davies TA, Ednie LM, Hoellman DM, Pankuch GA, Jacobs MR, Appelbaum PC

Department of Pathology, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033, USA.

(Good interview candidates but might be working with Abbott)

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**MICs, time-kills, and postantibiotic effects (PAEs) of ABT-773 (a new ketolide) and 10 other agents were determined against 226 pneumococci. Against 78 ermB- and 44 mefE-containing strains, ABT-773 MICs at which 50% of the isolates tested were inhibited (MIC(50)s) and MIC(90)s were 0.016 to 0.03 and 0.125 &mgr;g/ml, respectively. Clindamycin was active only against macrolide-resistant strains containing mefE (MIC(50), 0.06 &mgr;g/ml; MIC(90), 0.125 &mgr;g/ml). Activities of pristinamycin (MIC(90), 0.5 &mgr;g/ml) and vancomycin (MIC(90), 0.25 &mgr;g/ml) were unaffected by macrolide or penicillin resistance, while beta-lactam MICs rose with those of penicillin G. Against 19 strains with L4 ribosomal protein mutations and two strains with mutations in domain V of 23S rRNA, ABT-773 MICs were 0.03 to 0.25 &mgr;g/ml, while macrolide and azalide MICs were all  $\geq 16.0$  &mgr;g/ml. ABT-773 was bactericidal at twice the MIC after 24 h for 8 of 12 strains (including three strains with erythromycin MICs greater than or equal to 64.0 &mgr;g/ml). Kill kinetics of erythromycin, azithromycin, clarithromycin, and roxithromycin against macrolide-susceptible strains were slower than those of ABT-773. ABT-773 had longer PAEs than macrolides, azithromycin, clindamycin, or beta-lactams, including against ermB-containing strains. ABT-773, therefore, shows promising in vitro activity against macrolide-susceptible as well as -resistant pneumococci. (Confirms Abbott's statements)**

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PMID: 10858350, UI: 20316806

2: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Jun;44(6):1562-7

\*\*\*Studies of the novel ketolide ABT-773: transport, binding to ribosomes, and inhibition of protein synthesis in streptococcus pneumoniae.

Capobianco JO, Cao Z, Shortridge VD, Ma Z, Flamm RK, Zhong P

Infectious Disease Research, Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Illinois 60064, USA.

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**ABSTRACT:**

Preliminary data reported from PROTEKT (**Prospective Resistant Organism Tracking for the Ketolide Telithromycin**), a global study involving 66 laboratories, has found that telithromycin has demonstrated in vitro activity against pathogens that lead to **community- acquired respiratory tract infections (RTIs)**. *(This study involves only the Aventis antibiotic, and is sponsored by Aventis)*

Telithromycin is part of new family of antibiotics known as ketolides, being explored as RTIs grow increasingly resistant to commonly used antibiotics. **Globally, RTIs kill more than 50 mil people yearly.** PROTEKT is sponsored by Aventis Pharma. Ketek (telithromycin) was submitted by Aventis Pharmaceuticals to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products for marketing approval earlier in 2000. Full text further discusses the PROTEKT study.

**TEXT:**

2000 JUN 13 - (NewsRx.com) -- Bacteria that cause community- acquired respiratory tract infections (RTIs) are growing increasingly resistant to the commonly used antibiotics penicillin and erythromycin.

According to preliminary data reported from PROTEKT (Prospective Resistant Organism Tracking for the Ketolide Telithromycin), a global surveillance study involving 66 laboratories in 20 countries, telithromycin, the first in a new family of antibiotics known as ketolides, demonstrated in vitro activity against specific pathogens - including resistant strains - that lead to these infections. RTIs cause more than 50 million deaths globally each year.

**"The preliminary results from PROTEKT not only underscore the growing problem of bacterial resistance to penicillin, but also reveal alarming rates of bacterial resistance to erythromycin, a widely used macrolide antibiotic,"** concluded lead PROTEKT investigator Dr. David Felmingham, GR Micro Ltd., London, and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom, who presented the data at the 10th Annual European Congress on Clinical Microbiology, held in Parsippany, New Jersey, during May 2000. **"These data found that telithromycin was active against troublesome bacteria that have grown increasingly resistant to the antibiotics the world relies upon to treat everyday community-acquired respiratory tract infections."**

The PROTEKT study is sponsored by Aventis Pharma. Ketek (telithromycin) was submitted by Aventis Pharmaceuticals to the U.S. Food and Drug

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Administration (FDA) and the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products for marketing approval earlier in 2000. In clinical studies, the most commonly reported adverse reactions for telithromycin were diarrhea, nausea, dizziness, vomiting, and headache.

In this initial report from the ongoing PROTEKT study, researchers analyzed the susceptibility of six common and atypical community-acquired RTI-causing bacteria to several current treatments including beta-lactams, penicillin derivatives like amoxycillin, and commonly used macrolides such as azithromycin and clarithromycin.

The study is designed to evaluate the in vitro activity of telithromycin, the first in a new family of antibiotics called ketolides, which are characterized by a broad microbiological spectrum, novel mechanism of action, and favorable resistance profile. Telithromycin rapidly kills bacteria by inhibiting protein synthesis. Telithromycin binds directly to two sites on bacterial ribosomes, and binds 10 times more tightly to one of the ribosomes than does erythromycin, a macrolide antibiotic.

Internationally, 66 medical centers are currently participating in PROTEKT. To date, 1,056 clinical isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *S. pyogenes*, *Moraxella catarrhalis*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *H. parainfluenzae*, and *Staphylococcus aureus* were collected from patients with RTIs such as community-acquired pneumonia (CAP), acute sinusitis, acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis (AECB), otitis media, and pharyngitis. Unlike the methodology of previous surveillance programs, PROTEKT isolates were sent to a central laboratory and analyzed using standardized tests specifically focusing on determining minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) of telithromycin.

Results of the study targeting *S. pneumoniae* demonstrated a 39.6% overall resistance to penicillin, with the highest level in South Korea (80.5%). Resistance to erythromycin was 34.9%, rating highest in South Korea and Japan. No isolate required a telithromycin MIC of more than 0.5 mg/L. Levels of beta-lactamase (which appears to neutralize penicillin erythromycin efficacy) production by isolates of *H. influenzae* were highest in South Korea (58.6%) and was 15.2% overall. *H. parainfluenzae* isolates demonstrated lower rates of beta-lactamase production (5.7% overall, 22.2% in Canada, the highest rate). In *M. catarrhalis* isolates, beta-lactamase production was almost complete (96.9%) and reached 100% in Argentina, South Korea, Japan, and Portugal. With the exception of one isolate (0.5%) from South Korea, telithromycin has demonstrated in vitro activity against *S. pyogenes*, including erythromycin-resistant strains. It has also demonstrated in vitro activity against *mecA*-isolates of *S. aureus*.

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These PROTEKT data include isolates from Canada, Argentina, South Korea, Japan, Germany, Portugal, Poland, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. More comprehensive results are anticipated for presentation at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in Toronto, Canada, on September 17-20, 2000.

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First disclosure of Aventis' early-stage R&D pipeline

(Aventis announced the details of its Euro2.4 bil research and development program for 2000)

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**ABSTRACT:**

The pharmaceutical division of Aventis plans to expanding existing product lines and introduce 15 new compounds in the coming 5 years. It is concentrating on new technologies and its capacity to fuse R&D functions that will produce top-flight novel medicines with less development time. Streamlining its product development process resulted in the elimination of many products from development. Over 60 drugs are still under development. The company has allocated Euro2.4 bil for research and development in 2000.

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Among the drugs driving future growth are Allegra/Telfast, Lovenox, Taxotere, Amaryl and Arava. The company also expects benefits from Actonel, Lantus, and Ketek. **Ketek is expected to have over \$1 bil in sales.** *(So anticipated sales for Abbott over \$500 million is not unrealistic)*  
 The article elaborates on other products under development, some of which have not yet been branded, and offers projected sales.

**TEXT:**

**In its first R&D presentation since the merger of Hoechst and Rhone-Poulenc to create Aventis,** *(Since Aventis is the name of the Hoechst/Rhone-Poulenc merger is Ketek just HMR 3647 which is a Hoechst Marion Roussel antibiotic)* the firm's pharmaceutical division has said that it intends to grow the business by launching 15 new compounds over the next five years, as well as by expanding product lines.

The company focused to a great extent on new technologies which, it says, as well as demonstrating its rapid ability to merge R&D functions, will enable it to reduce the drug discovery time while producing high-quality, innovative medicines. This desire to streamline the R&D process has resulted in a number of compounds (including an oral taxoid) being dropped from development following a detailed review, but leaving more than 60 drugs in the Aventis pipeline. Of these, a certain number are classified as priority programs and will receive the lion's share of available funding (2.4 billion euros (\$2.15 billion) has been allocated to R&D this year).

Richard Markham, chief executive of Aventis, told the meeting that the company is on track to deliver promised savings and that it intends to improve growth rates by concentrating promotion on strategic brands. The effects of this focus are already starting to bear fruit, noted Mr Markham; while revenues last year principally derived from older (mainly generic) products, sales of newer "strategic" compounds increased 61% (to 32% of total prescription drug turnover) in the first quarter of 2000, compared to the same period last year, and are forecast to rise to 60% of total Aventis Pharma sales by 2004.

**Key drivers of growth**

Drivers of future growth are the antiallergy drug Allegra/Telfast (fexofenadine), the antithrombotic Lovenox (enoxaparin), the anticancer agent Taxotere (docetaxel), the antidiabetic drug Amaryl (glimepiride) and Arava (leflunomide) for rheumatoid arthritis. The first four products generated sales of 611 million euros in the first quarter of this year and, despite already being in the top-10 product list, all saw significant growth over the like-period 1999. Arava is not yet a top-10 compound, but is experiencing considerable growth, says the firm.

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Growth will also benefit from: the recent launch of Actonel (risedronate) for the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis, which is being marketed with Procter & Gamble; Lantus (insulin glargine (rDNA origin) injection), a new once-daily recombinant insulin which has just been approved in the USA; and Ketek (telithromycin), a novel ketolide antibiotic which has recently been filed for approval in the USA and Europe and is expected to generate sales of more than \$1 billion.

Looking further back in the pipeline, Aventis revealed some compounds for the first time and also discussed their potential benefits over currently-marketed products. Among these key compounds are the VLA-4 (very-late antigen-4) inhibitors, which Aventis is developing initially for asthma but which also have application in rheumatology, central nervous system and cardiovascular indications.

While a number of companies are investigating this class of compounds, Aventis says it has a front-running position with both inhaled and oral formulations. In fact, the firm is evaluating three compounds in parallel in order to assist in lead optimization and to reduce product cycle time. The project is currently in Phase I development in asthma and the firm is looking to demonstrate an increase in forced expiratory volume (FEV1) compared to placebo and an increase or similar activity to the leading inhaled steroid, Glaxo Wellcome's Flixotide (fluticasone). Aventis' product has potential steroid-sparing effects, which could help its positioning, although Goldman Sachs analysts say that because it is at such an early stage of development, it has not yet assigned any sales forecasts.

Next is Aventis' 1098, a first-in-class ATP-dependent potassium channel blocker for use in the prevention of sudden cardiac death. While current therapies are available for this indication, their Achilles' heel is a prolongation in QT interval, says Aventis. In contrast, 1098, which is being developed in both oral and intravenous formulations, is activated only in ischemia and has no effect on cardiac parameters under non-ischemic conditions.

Trials of 1098, which is currently in Phase IIa development, will focus on determining the lack of QT prolongation effects following acute myocardial infarction and then in congestive heart failure. With a launch scheduled in 2004, GS analysts class this compound as high-risk and are forecasting peak sales of \$300 million. However, Aventis sees a large window of opportunity for 1098, with 20%-25% of patients suffering sudden cardiac death following a first myocardial infarction. Another key advantage, notes the firm, is that the compound may be administered at any time after the MI.

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Also in the cardiovascular arena, Aventis is developing a dual angiotensin-converting enzyme and neuroendopeptidase inhibitor for the treatment of hypertension and congestive heart failure. There is a medical need for more antihypertensives, says the firm, because currently-available therapies do not lower systolic blood pressure (an equal or more important factor in premature death than diastolic hypertension) unless given in combination.

This compound is likely to come under the spotlight, working as it does in a similar fashion to Bristol-Myers Squibb's much-lauded Vanlev (omapatrilat). B-MS has just withdrawn its New Drug Application for Vanlev following reports of angioedema (Marketletter May 1), but Aventis said that its molecule has a significantly improved safety profile. Despite this, Aventis intends to study 100240, as it is known, in the most vulnerable population (Afro-Americans with a history of asthma) to ensure that its safety in terms of angioedema and cough is less than (or at least equal to) the incidence seen with ACE inhibitor use. A launch is forecast for 2005, but again the compound is at too early a development stage (Phase I) to predict sales, says GS.

#### Strong cardiovascular portfolio

Another drug looking for a 2005 launch is Aventis' guanylate cyclase activator (code-named 1766) for use in chronic angina, especially in patients ineligible for bypass surgery or following bypass surgery, and which also has potential in congestive heart failure. The company appears to be positioning 1766 as a safer alternative to nitroglycerin, to which patients often develop tolerance, with an improved dosing regimen of once- or twice-daily versus three to four times a day. Currently in Phase I, Aventis comments that key success factors for this drug will be its efficacy in nitrate-insensitive patients, no cross-tolerance to nitrates and inhibition of platelet aggregation.

Further back in the launch schedule (at 2006) is fibroblast growth factor, a gene therapy product currently being evaluated in Phase I to prevent the need for amputation in severe cases of peripheral artery disease. With no pharmacological treatment available, and 150,000 people requiring amputations every year in the USA alone, the market is potentially large. However, GS notes that although "early indications of data obtained are encouraging....the product is extremely high-risk and early-stage so we have not yet ascribed any sales expectations to it."

Moving on, Aventis is entering another highly competitive field with the development of a once-daily selective estrogen receptor modulator, dubbed 3339, which is currently in Phase IIa clinical trials for use in the

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prevention and treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis. The reasons for investigating this compound could be questioned as Eli Lilly's SERM Evista (raloxifene) has been on the market for some time but has failed to take off as expected. Aventis says that 3339 has important advantages over raloxifene in that the latter is a non-steroid-like molecule which is associated with hot flashes in the postmenopausal period as well as intermittent bleeding. In contrast, Aventis' compound is steroid-like and therefore has a mechanism of action that more closely resembles a naturally-occurring molecule, it says.

Aventis hopes to show other benefits over raloxifene in addition to better prevention of menopausal symptoms, including no effect on the breast and uterus and a greater reduction of plasma low-density lipoprotein cholesterol. A launch is unlikely ahead of 2005, says GS, which has forecast peak sales of \$350 million.

Another area of focus is rheumatoid arthritis, for which Aventis is investigating an interleukin-1 beta converting enzyme (3480/VX-470) in partnership with Vertex Pharmaceuticals. In Phase IIa clinical studies, the firm hopes to show that this novel anti-inflammatory agent significantly reduces RA symptoms over a three-month period, with no associated increase in opportunistic infections (IL-1 is an important pro-inflammatory cytokine in the host-defense mechanism). A launch of the compound, which has many more potential applications, is slated for 2005 and GS is expecting peak sales in the RA indication of \$300 million.

In cancer, Aventis is focusing on flavopiridol (code-named 1275), which has a number of mechanisms of action, including: inhibition of cyclin-dependent kinase; inhibition of tumor blood vessel formation; and induction of caspase-3 activation and cell death. This multiple activity means that flavopiridol cannot be readily bypassed by tumor cells. Other advantages of this first-in-class molecule is that it works independently of prior treatment history and has no overlapping toxicity with commonly-used anticancer agents. Currently in dose-escalating Phase IIa clinical trials, flavopiridol has already shown promise in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (one of the indications Aventis is focusing on), with shrinkage in lymph node size observed and no dose-related toxicity seen. GS believes flavopiridol will be positioned as a combination therapy and has peak sales potential of \$350 million following a 2003 launch.

While the eight early-stage products highlighted at the meeting are certainly innovative, GS notes that they are therefore more risky. "The presence of some 'me-too' products, while adding less value in terms of therapeutic advance, might give the pipeline a less risky feel to it," the analysts conclude.

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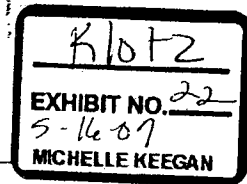
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**From:** Lynn C. Klotz [LynnKlotz@compuserve.com]  
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**Subject:** ketolide research summary

Steve,

Here is the summary research on ketolide antibiotics. This might be the most promising of Abbott's single drugs in the package. It may even achieve the greater than \$1 billion market share they project, since Aventis publically projects \$1 billion for its ketolide, Ketek, just on the market. Abbott's is not far behind and may have superior properties.

I will complete the summary research writeups on the trip, and send them to you when I return shortly after July 10.

As far as a final report, I will make sure you have all the information verbally first. I am planning one page for each basket item which will summarize the most salient facts. The interviews and slightly polished research summaries will be in Appendices.

-Lynn

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### **Abbott's Ketolide Antibiotic (ABT-773)**

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#### Potential interviewee's for ABT-773

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#### Questions for antibiotic resistance experts on ketolide antibiotics

What new classes of antibiotics show promise against resistant gram-positives?

Of the following new classes, which are the most promising: Quinolones, polyketides, macrolides, ketolides, others? Why?

On average, what percentage of gram-positive infections are resistant to antibiotics? How fast is resistance growing?

Which of the large drug companies do you see as leaders in the development of new antibiotics?

The antibiotic market is highly fragmented. In business terms, there are many antibiotics each with small market share. What would be the properties of a new antibiotic that would make it widely used? Of the development stage antibiotics, do you see one or more that should find wide usage, and thus large market share?

Are there any other approaches to protection against infections that will significantly compete

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with antibiotics? Vaccines? Vaccines in edible plants? Others?

Are there any other approaches to antibiotic resistance, besides new antibiotics, that seem promising?

Is there a key question that I did not ask? What is it, and how would you answer it?

Questions for Abbott on ABT-773 and competition

HMR 3647 is a Hoechst Marion Roussel antibiotic. It appears in more than one recent paper as especially promising. In view of the fact that Aventis is the name of the Hoechst/Rhone-Poulenc merger, is Ketek just the new name for HMR 3647?

Is ABT-773 also more effective against strains susceptible to other antibiotics?

What other new classes of antibiotics show promise against resistant gram-positives?

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In one literature report of a comparative test between Hoechst's ketolide (HMR 3647) and ABT-773, ABT-773 was found to be more active. Are there other ketolides for which you have comparisons?

How did you arrive at future sales of over \$1.3 billion?

Example articles

2: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Jun;44(6):1562-7

Studies of the novel ketolide ABT-773: transport, binding to ribosomes, and inhibition of protein synthesis in streptococcus pneumoniae.

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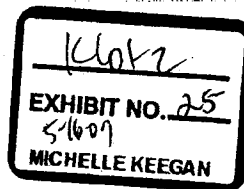
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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 25**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 810**



*Ketolide* *Mannich* *Glycylcyclines*  
Abbott's Ketolide Antibiotic (ABT-773) *linezolid* *Moxifloxacin*

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*Are some targeted to "severe" infections*  
*Are some not 1st line drugs, given to Ketolide as chemotherapy*

*Daptomycin*  
*(Gt)*  
*Oxazolidinones*  
*glycylcyclines*

with antibiotics? Vaccines? Vaccines in edible plants? Others?

Are there any other approaches to antibiotic resistance, besides new antibiotics, that seem promising? *what effect will vaccines, cold therapeutics have on market*

Is there a key question that I did not ask? What is it, and how would you answer it?

#### Questions for Abbott on ABT-773 and competition

HMR 3647 is a Hoechst Marion Roussel antibiotic. It appears in more than one recent paper as especially promising. In view of the fact that Aventis is the name of the Hoechst/Rhone-Poulenc merger, is Ketek just the new name for HMR 3647? *yes*

Is ABT-773 also more effective against strains susceptible to other antibiotics?

What other new classes of antibiotics show promise against resistant gram-positives?

On average, what percentage of gram-positive infections are resistant to antibiotics? How fast is resistance growing?

In one literature report of a comparative test between Hoechst's ketolide (HMR 3647) and ABT-773, ABT-773 was found to be more active. Are there other ketolides for which you have comparisons?

How did you arrive at future sales of over \$1.3 billion?

#### Example articles

2: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Jun;44(6):1562-7

Studies of the novel ketolide ABT-773: transport, binding to ribosomes, and inhibition of protein synthesis in streptococcus pneumoniae.

Capobianco JO, Cao Z, Shortridge VD, Ma Z, Flamm RK, Zhong P

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[Medline record in process]

Macrolide resistance in Streptococcus pneumoniae has been associated with two main mechanisms: target modification by Erm methyltransferases and efflux by macrolide pumps. The ketolide ABT-773, which has a 3-keto group and no L-cladinose sugar, represents a new class of drugs with in vitro activity against a variety of resistant bacteria. Several approaches were undertaken to understand how ABT-773 was able to defeat resistance mechanisms. We demonstrated tighter ribosome binding of ABT-773 than erythromycin. We also showed that ABT-773 (i) accumulated in macrolide-sensitive S. pneumoniae at a higher rate than erythromycin, (ii) was able to bind with methylated ribosomes, though at lower affinities than with wild-type ribosomes, and (iii) accumulated in S. pneumoniae strains with the

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efflux-resistant phenotype. (*Abbott has done research on the resistance mechanism.*)  
PMID: 10817709, UI: 20277881

3: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Apr;44(4):1112-3  
In vitro activity of ABT 773, a new ketolide antibiotic, against *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.  
Strigl S, Roblin PM, Reznik T, Hammerschlag MR  
Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics, State University of  
New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098, USA.  
(Possible interview candidates)

The in vitro activities of ABT 773, telithromycin (HMR 3647), azithromycin, clarithromycin, erythromycin, and levofloxacin were tested against 20 strains of *Chlamydia pneumoniae*. (*Good, this is a comparative test between Hoechst's ketolide and Abbotts*) The MIC at which 90% of the isolates were inhibited and the minimal bactericidal concentration at which 90% of the isolates were killed by ABT 773 were 0.015 microg/ml (range, 0.008 to 0.015 microg/ml). ABT 773 was the most active antibiotic tested in this study. (*This is in vitro, what about comparative animal studies?*)  
PMID: 10722526, UI: 20187185

4: Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2000 Feb;44(2):447-9  
In vitro activity of ABT-773, a new ketolide, against recent clinical isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Moraxella catarrhalis*.  
Brueggemann AB, Doern GV, Huynh HK, Wingert EM, Rhomberg PR  
Medical Microbiology Division, Department of Pathology, University of Iowa  
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(Also a possible interview candidate)

The in vitro activity of ABT-773 was evaluated against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Moraxella catarrhalis* isolates. ABT-773 was the most active antimicrobial tested against *S. pneumoniae*. ABT-773 and azithromycin were equivalent in activity against *H. influenzae* and *M. catarrhalis* and more active than either clarithromycin or erythromycin. (*Again, good in vitro results for Abbott*)  
PMID: 10639382, UI: 20107001

02831133 (THIS IS THE FULLTEXT)  
Respiratory Tract Infections: Ketolides Comprise New Family of Antibiotics (Aventis' antibiotic Telithromycin shows in vitro activity against pathogens that lead to community-acquired respiratory tract infections, according to PROTEKT study) TB & Outbreaks Week, p N/A June 13, 2000

DOCUMENT TYPE: Newsletter (United States)  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext  
WORD COUNT: 641

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ABSTRACT:

Preliminary data reported from PROTEKT (Prospective Resistant Organism Tracking for the Ketolide Telithromycin), a global study involving 66 laboratories, has found that telithromycin

has demonstrated in vitro activity against pathogens that lead to community-acquired respiratory tract infections (RTIs) (*This study involves only the Aventis antibiotic, and is sponsored by Aventis*) Telithromycin is part of new family of antibiotics known as ketolides, being explored as RTIs grow increasingly resistant to commonly used antibiotics. Globally, RTIs kill more than 50 mil people yearly. PROTEKT is sponsored by Aventis Pharma. Ketek (telithromycin) was submitted by Aventis Pharmaceuticals to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products for marketing approval earlier in 2000. Full text further discusses the PROTEKT study.

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# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 26**

## **D'S EXHIBIT 511**



### Pertinent Information on Interview Candidates

file: interviews

**Cytostatic agents in general.** Conduct one interview on the general cytostatic approach. Do not interview the experts on the specific cytostatic basket drugs.

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*Questions for experts in cytostatic therapies*

1. Do you see cytostatic therapies being used only on advanced disease? On all disease? Mainly in combination with traditional cytotoxic therapies or as monotherapies? Will cytostatic therapies play a role as adjuncts to surgery and radiation therapy as well?
2. My understanding is that the overall mortality due to metastatic cancer has not been reduced meaningfully in spite of intensive research, does this represent a big opportunity

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for cytostatic therapies? How likely is it, in your opinion, that cytostatic therapies will provide big improvements in treatment of metastatic cancers?

3. There are many approaches to cytostatic therapy, such as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors, farnesyltransferase inhibitors, and tyrosine kinase inhibitors, serine protease inhibitors (e.g., urokinase inhibitors), endothelin ET-1 antagonists (bind to ETA receptors). Did I miss anything in this list (e.g., other approaches to angiogenesis inhibition)? Is there one approach that seems most promising? Least promising? How would you rank them? Is it too early to tell? Which are the most promising candidates within each approach?
4. One literature review indicated that approximately thirty cytostatic agents are in clinical trials to inhibit angiogenesis alone, and another fifty agents are in preclinical testing. Cytostatic drug development is a crowded field. Which of the large drug companies do you perceive as leaders in this area?
5. Matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors seems to be an especially competitive area and have been under development for a long time. Could a first-on-the-market effective matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor (or any cytostatic agent for that matter) kill the opportunities for cytostatic drugs aimed at the other targets?
6. What is known about cost-effectiveness of cytostatic agents? My concern stems from three observations:
  - a. They will be administered chronically (daily), which could be expensive;
  - b. in one instance (Marimastat), the drug slowed progression but did not prolong life and has painful joint side-effects, so there are no life-years-save and perhaps no quality-life-years-saved;
  - c. one literature pharmacoeconomic study indicated that cytostatic treatment with interferon-alpha for multiple myeloma was not cost effective when quality-life-years was used as a measure, because of the drugs toxicity.
7. Since cytostatic therapies don't target killing of tumor cells, the use of time to progression (TTP) of disease seems to be the necessary clinical trials measure? What are the problems with this measure? Do you think the difficulty of measuring TTP will prolong clinical trials or cause some drugs to fail to get approval? How serious an issue is this?
8. The cancer drug field is traditionally highly fragmented. There are many drugs, so the use of any particular drug is limited. In business terms, this means that sales for an average drug is small, less than \$100-\$200 million. Yet there are some drugs that do sell over \$500 million. Do you have any feel whether there will be cytostatic drugs that will sell above \$500 million, or do you expect their use and therefore sales to be limited?
9. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked? What is it and what is your opinion?

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*Articles which the candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

Cancer Res 1995 May 1;55(9):1856-62

Molecular insights into cancer invasion: strategies for prevention and intervention.

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*(Liotta is a highly regarded cancer researcher. We should interview him or someone from his lab. Get suggestions on whom to interview from Carol Dahl. This particular article, however, is old.)*

The diagnosis and treatment of solid tumors usually begins at a late stage when most patients already have occult or overt metastasis. Many years of cancer progression precede diagnosis of most solid tumors. Novel noncytotoxic therapeutics may be specially suited for administration during this interval. An important window of intervention can be defined as the period during which transition from a hyperproliferative state to acquisition of the capacity for invasion and metastasis occurs. Investigation of the molecular basis of invasion is uncovering strategies for delaying progression of preinvasive carcinoma and treatment of primary tumors and established metastasis. Although tumor cell invasion might not be rate limiting for the growth of metastasis, anti-invasive agents can block tumor angiogenesis and thereby indirectly block metastasis growth. Two classes of molecular anti-invasion targets exist: (a) cell surface and extracellular proteins, which mediate sensing, adhesion, and proteolysis; and (b) signal transduction pathways, which regulate invasion, angiogenesis, and proliferation. Both categories of targets yield treatment approaches that are now being tested in the clinic. Metalloproteinase inhibitors, such as BB94, are based on the recognition that metalloproteinases play a necessary role in invasion and angiogenesis. *(Today—five years later—what is the status of BB94?)* The orally active signal transduction inhibitor carboxyamidotriazole modulates non-voltage-gated calcium influx-regulated signal pathways and reversibly inhibits tumor invasion, growth, and angiogenesis. Blockade of invasion, angiogenesis, or cellular signal pathways is likely to generate a cytostatic, rather than a cytotoxic effect. Cytostatic therapy constitutes an alternative paradigm for clinical translation that may complement conventional cytotoxic therapy. For patients with newly diagnosed solid tumors, long-term cytostatic therapy could potentially create a state of metastasis dormancy or delay the time to overt relapse following cytotoxic agent-induced remission. Clinical toxicity and pharmacology using oral cytostatic agents in phase I trials and in adjuvant settings will provide an important foundation for the translation of this approach to the preinvasive carcinoma period.

Oncologist 2000;5 Suppl 1:20-7

Antiangiogenic strategies and agents in clinical trials.

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The understanding that the growth of tumors depends on the acquisition of a blood supply has led to the development of new therapies for cancer and other angiogenic diseases based on inhibition of neovascularization. This review examines the role of angiogenesis in cancer progression and describes various strategies for interfering with this process. The developmental status of

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angiogenesis inhibitors in human clinical trials is presented, including their proposed mechanisms of action. *(This statement indicates this person should be interviewed, especially since this is a brand-new paper, but e-mail him to try to get a copy of the paper first.)* Standard chemotherapeutic agents and angiogenesis inhibitors are compared, noting that different end points might need to be considered in clinical trials and that drug resistance may be less of a problem with antiangiogenic therapy than with conventional chemotherapy regimens. The suggestion is made that cytotoxic chemotherapy and angiogenesis inhibitors used in combination may produce complementary therapeutic benefits in the treatment of cancer.

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**ABT-627. Endothelin ET-1 inhibitor** (Interview one candidate)

*Primary interview candidate:*

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*Questions for experts in therapies for late stage prostate cancer*

Questions for ABT-627 interviewees

*Note to orient me on mechanism: The endothelins (ET-1, ET-2 and ET-3 are a family of 21 amino acid peptides that bind. Endothelin's are potent vasoconstrictors that act through binding to the Eta receptor. Drugs that bind to the Eta receptor (e.g., ABT-627) inhibit ET-1 from binding to the receptor (termed ET-1 antagonists). Such drugs may retard cancer growth and reduce pain. Abbott claims that the role of endothelins in the manifestation of metastatic cancer is not yet defined.*

10. How do vasoconstrictors retard cancer? I presume vasoconstriction means reduced blood flow to a tumor, so why would you want an ET-1 antagonist? Or is it just that any drug

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that binds to the Eta receptor would retard cancer?

11. What is the evidence that blocking endothelin receptors will have clinical value in the treatment of metastasized prostate cancer?
12. Is blocking the ETa receptor with an endothelin-1 (ET-1) antagonist the best strategy?
13. The literature mentions several drugs mostly by alpha-numeric name: BQ-123, A127722, ABT-627, Novantrone (already on market), and retinoids (which reduces ET-1 transcription). Do you have an opinion on the promise and issues with these drugs? Which companies are developing these drugs?
14. The Japanese company Yamanouchi supposedly has a drug in clinical trials? Name? Targets? Promise? Clinical trial status?
15. What other targets for slowing metastasis of prostate cancer are promising? For example, would an inhibitor targeting the ET-1 converting enzyme phosphoramidon be a good target? Other targets in the pathway to metastasis?
16. One literature study indicated that a number of factors: 1beta (IL-1beta), tumour necrosis factor alpha (TNF-alpha) and transforming growth factor beta (TGF-beta) stimulated ET-1 and big ET-1 secretion, is there merit to targeting any of these to slow metastasis?
17. Do you think a drug that successfully slows metastasis of prostate cancer would be widely used? For which patients would such a drug be prescribed? What percentage of prostate cancer patients fall into that category? What number of quality-life-years might such a drug provide?
18. Drugs that slow metastasis, angiogenesis, etc. that don't usually kill the cancer cells have been dubbed cytostatic therapy? In general, how promising is cytostatic therapy? Has its value been proven anywhere?
19. There are many approaches to cytostatic therapy, such as matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors, farnesyltransferase inhibitors, and tyrosine kinase inhibitors, serine protease inhibitors (e.g., urokinase inhibitors), endothelin ET-1 antagonists (bind to ETA receptors). Did I miss anything in this list(e.g., other approaches to angiogenesis inhibition)? Is there one approach that seems most promising? Least promising? How would you rank them? Is it too early to tell? Which are the most promising candidates within each approach?
20. One literature review indicated that approximately thirty cytostatic agents are in clinical trials to inhibit angiogenesis alone, and another fifty agents are in preclinical testing. Cytostatic drug development is a crowded field. Which of the large drug companies do you perceive as leaders in this area?

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21. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked?  
What is it and what is your opinion?

*Articles which the candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

6: Semin Oncol 1999 Apr;26(2):217-26

Drug development in prostate cancer.

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Despite strategies aimed at early detection and treatment, prostate cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among males. Current therapies have limited impact on the natural history of metastatic hormone-refractory prostate cancer (HRPC). With an improved understanding of tumor biology, including apoptosis, differentiation, cell cycling and signaling, and angiogenesis, many potential new targets for therapy have been unveiled. Modulation of these processes may result in cytotoxic or cytostatic effects. The evaluation of therapies based on manipulation of these targets may not be adequately addressed by current study designs and traditional parameters of efficacy. Examples of agents currently in clinical trials that illustrate some of the challenges presented to clinical investigators include monoterpenes such as perillyl alcohol (POH), vitamin D analogs, flavones such as flavopiridol, and angiogenesis inhibitors. Agents such as these are aimed at unique cellular targets and will require novel approaches to determine their clinical utility. Unfortunately, in the United States, only a small proportion of cancer patients, including prostate cancer patients, are enrolled in clinical trials. We must do better to efficiently assess promising new treatment approaches and improve outcome for our patients.

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 10597732, UI: 20064602

6:Cancer Res 1998 Nov 1;58(21):4817-22

ET-1 expression and growth inhibition of prostate cancer cells: a retinoid target with novel specificity.

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Endothelin-1 (ET-1) is not only a potent vasoconstrictor but also serves as an important growth stimulator in various cancers, including breast, cervical, pancreatic, and prostate cancer. This suggests that blockage of ET-1 production may suppress tumor growth and possibly metastasis. We observed that certain synthetic retinoids, and all-trans-retinoic acid can repress LNCaP prostate cancer cell growth in vitro. In addition, these retinoid compounds counteracted exogenous ET-1-induced growth stimulation. Retinoid-dependent growth retardation of LNCaP cells coincided with suppression of ET-1 gene expression to a level undetectable by reverse transcription-PCR. (How do the small-molecule retinoid drugs suppress ET-1 gene expression (affect promoter activity, see below)? Is ABT-627 a retinoid compound which works at the level of transscription, or is a traditional antagonist binding directly to the Eta receptor? Do retinoids

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*represent serious competition to ABT-627? Are they in development and by whom?) Contrarily, the androgen-insensitive DU145 cells were refractory to retinoid treatment. To investigate the underlying mechanisms of the cell-specific response to retinoids, we transfected ET-1 promoter constructs containing wild-type or mutated AP-1 or GATA-2 site into prostate cancer cells. Distinct regulations of ET-1 promoter activity were found; in LNCaP cells, both binding sites are essential for optimal promoter activation, whereas in DU145 cells, additional promoter sequences and/or transcriptional factors seem to be involved. Furthermore, several anti-AP-1 selective retinoids failed to repress ET-1 promoter activity and to exhibit a cell growth-inhibitory effect on LNCaP cells, suggesting that different retinoid structural configurations are required for the inhibition of an AP-1 complex versus an AP-1/GATA-2 complex.*

PMID: 9809984, UI: 99025856

7:Ned Tijdschr Geneesk 1997 Sep 20;141(38):1806-10

[Endothelins: possibly a new pharmacological approach in cardiovascular diseases, kidney diseases and oncological disorders].

[Article in Dutch]

Kroodsmma JM, Rabelink AJ

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Only 10 years ago, the vasoconstricting peptide endothelin was discovered; it is produced by endothelial cells. Different isoforms and receptors of endothelin have been identified. The effects of endothelin-I, the most important isoform, are mainly vasoconstriction and proliferation of cells. (*ET-I is the most important ET isoform*) In the last few years endothelin receptor antagonists have become available, which can delineate the clinical importance of the endothelin system. Possible indications for endothelin receptor blockers are renal disease (acute and chronic renal failure) and cardiovascular disease (heart failure; restenosis after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA); pulmonary hypertension; systemic hypertension). There is also a possible role for endothelin receptor blockers in oncology (prostatic carcinoma). (*This 1997 paper talks about possible roles of Eta blockers in prostate cancer.*) Currently clinical trials are being carried out to determine the efficacy of these compounds for the above-mentioned indications. (*Do these authors know of other clinical trials in progress?*)

Publication Types:

Review

Review, tutorial

PMID: 9545734, UI: 98207344

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**A-254751. Cytotoxic therapy for late stage cancer (bind to colchicine site of tubulin to prevent microtubule formation.** (Interview two candidates because of questions of toxicity)

*Primary interview candidates:*

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*Questions for experts in microtubulin-destabilizing cytotoxic cancer therapies cancer:*

22. There are a number of colchicine-site binding agents in preclinical and in clinical trials. Some that we have identified are: combretastatin-A4 (Oxigene), T138607 and T900607 (Tularik), Amphetinle (ICI), 1069C (Wellcome), trimethylcholinic acid (NIH), A-254751 (Abbott), indanocine, tricyclic pyrones, H-10, curacin A. Are you familiar with some of these? Do any stand out as especially promising?
23. What is the theoretical reason for targeting the colchicine site?
24. There are also a number of Vinca-alkaloid site ligands in development, which I believe are also antimitotic agents. Do both types block tubulin formation? Are there any perceived advantages/disadvantages to each target?
25. The Parke Davis drug, CI-980, was just abandoned in Phase II clinical trials. Since it was in Phase II, was lack of efficacy reason for abandonment, or the dose-limiting toxicities seen in Phase I? A number of other colchicine-site drugs have also been abandoned in

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clinical trials, and I believe none have made it to market? Since all target the colchicine-binding site, could most of the new drugs also suffer the same clinical trial fate. Put another way, what does this say about the prospects for colchicine binding drugs in general?

26. One drug, the antimitotic H10 is described as a bifunctional anticancer drug: antimitotic and also blocks the cellular transport of to inhibit DNA synthesis. Bifunctionality is perhaps an interesting observation, but is it clinically significant?
27. A study by Ajinomoto indicated that some tubulin binding agents also exhibit cystostatic antivasular effects. Also, a UCSD study on indanocine states that it is both a cytostatic and cytotoxic agent. Are the antivasular effects due to tubulin binding of fast-growing vasculature at the tumor site, and so are to be expected with all tubulin binding agents?
28. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked? What is it and what is your opinion?

*Articles which the interview candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

Anticancer Drugs 1998 Jun;9(5):405-9

Phase II study of i.v. CI-980 in patients with advanced platinum refractory epithelial ovarian carcinoma.

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CI-980 is a synthetic mitotic inhibitor that binds to tubulin at the colchicine site, inhibiting the polymerization of microtubules and arresting cellular division in metaphase. Myelosuppression and neurotoxicity were dose-limiting in phase I studies. *(CI-980 is the Parke Davis drug just abandoned in Phase II clinical trials. Since it was in Phase II, was lack of efficacy reason for abandonment, or the dose-limiting toxicities seen in Phase I? A number of other colchicine binding drugs have also been abandoned in clinical trials and none have made it to market? Since the mechanism of CI-980 and the other abandoned drugs is the same as the preclinical A-254751, couldn't A-254751 suffer the same fate. Abbott is already anticipating vasoconstriction risk in humans from its studies in dogs. Why does Abbott think it will not suffer the same fate in human trials?)* Sixteen patients with stage III and IV platinum-refractory ovarian cancer received 4.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day of CI-980 as a continuous i.v. infusion for 72 h, repeated every 3 weeks. Eleven patients had progression and four patients had stable disease. One patient (6%; 95% CI 0-25%) achieved a partial response after 9 months of treatment which lasted for 27 months. The overall median survival was 7 months. Grade 4 granulocytopenia occurred in five patients, with two episodes of neutropenic fever. Neurological toxicity was mild with 12 episodes of transient subclinical recent memory loss documented in four patients by specialized neuropsychological evaluations. One patient each had hallucinations and mild truncal ataxia, and four patients had mild, reversible neurosensory toxicity. One episode of severe hypoxemia and dyspnea occurred in a patient with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. CI-980 has minimal activity and is

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tolerable in a population of heavily pretreated patients with platinum refractory ovarian cancer.  
*(As this is a Phase II trial, the minimal efficacy here may be the reason for abandonment. What does this say about the prospects for colchicine binding drugs in general?)*

Publication Types:

Clinical trial

Clinical trial, phase ii

PMID: 9660537, UI: 98321974

J Natl Cancer Inst 2000 Feb 2;92(3):217-24

Indanocine, a microtubule-binding indanone and a selective inducer of apoptosis in multidrug-resistant cancer cells.

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**BACKGROUND:** Certain antimitotic drugs have antitumor activities that apparently result from interactions with nontubulin components involved in cell growth and/or apoptotic cell death. Indanocine is a synthetic indanone that has been identified by the National Cancer Institute's Developmental Therapeutics Program as having antiproliferative activity. In this study, we characterized the activity of this new antimitotic drug toward malignant cells. **METHODS:** We tested antiproliferative activity with an MTT [i.e., 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide] assay, mitochondrial damage and cell cycle perturbations with flow cytometry, caspase-3 activation with fluorometry, alterations of the cytoskeletal components with immunofluorescence, and antimicrotubule activity with a tubulin polymerization assay.

**RESULTS/CONCLUSIONS:** Indanocine is a cytostatic and cytotoxic indanone that blocks tubulin polymerization but, unlike other antimitotic agents, induces apoptotic cell death in stationary-phase multidrug-resistant cancer cells at concentrations that do not impair the viability of normal nonproliferating cells. Of the seven multidrug-resistant cell lines tested, three (i.e., MCF-7/ADR, MES-SA/DX5, and HL-60/ADR) were more sensitive to growth inhibition by indanocine than were their corresponding parental cells. Confluent multidrug-resistant cells (MCF-7/ADR), but not drug-sensitive cancer cells (MCF-7) or normal peripheral blood lymphocytes, underwent apoptotic cell death 8-24 hours after exposure to indanocine, as measured by sequential changes in mitochondrial membrane potential, caspase activity, and DNA fragmentation. Indanocine interacts with tubulin at the colchicine-binding site, potentially inhibits tubulin polymerization in vitro, and disrupts the mitotic apparatus in dividing cells.

**IMPLICATIONS:** The sensitivity of stationary multidrug-resistant cancer cells to indanocine suggests that indanocine and related indanones be considered as lead compounds for the development of chemotherapeutic strategies for drug-resistant malignancies.

Comments:

Comment in: J Natl Cancer Inst 2000 Feb 2;92(3):182-3

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**ABT-980. Alpha 1a adrenoceptor antagonist for BPH.** (Interview one candidate)

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*Questions for experts in BPH:*

*Note to help orient discussion:* "The development of alpha-adrenergic blocking agents, [has proceeded] from nonselective alpha-antagonists, to selective alpha1-antagonists, to the more selective alpha1A-antagonists. It is anticipated that more specific agents will optimize the therapeutic effectiveness of alpha-adrenergic blockade in the prostate while reducing the side effects associated with alpha-adrenergic blockade in other areas of the body, such as the vascular system."

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29. Recently, efforts have focused on use of alpha1A-urospecific antagonists such as tamsulosin, alfuzosin, and Abbott-980 in an attempt to achieve similar clinical results as doxazosin and terazosin without systemic adverse effects. Are these alpha1A selective drugs expected to be significantly superior to the older drugs? Why? Are all these drugs structurally different and what is the implication regarding toxicity, potency and pharmacokinetics?
30. How significant a difference is there in urinary flow rates between the older drugs terazosin, finasteride, etc. and the new selective drugs like Tamsulosin. If there is not much difference, why is Tamsulosin use increasing so rapidly? Is it because there is a significant difference of adverse effects with the selective alpha1a-adrenoceptor antagonists?
31. One review article states "controversy remains as to whether prostatic smooth muscle contraction is mediated by the alpha1A-adrenoceptor, or by another novel alpha1-adrenoceptor subtype (not corresponding to any of the three known recombinant alpha1-adrenoceptors)." This indicates there could be a better target, as yet undiscovered. What is your view on this?
32. One literature study refers to a patient population that is responsive to alpha1-adrenoceptor antagonists. Does this mean there is a subgroup of patients that don't respond to BPH drugs targeted to alpha1-adrenoceptor? How big is this subgroup?
33. How would you compare the drugs in clinical trials Dutasteride, Xatra (alfuzosin), HP-4, ABT-980, KMD-3213? Which is most promising? Least promising? Why? Am I missing any promising ones.
34. Yamanouchi/Glaxo's Phase III drug dutasteride is a 5alpha-reductase inhibitor. What are the advantages/disadvantages of this target versus alpha1A-adrenoceptor targeted drugs? Could one advantage be that there are less enzyme targets than membrane receptor targets, so that an enzyme inhibitor could be used in much lesser concentrations?
35. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked? What is it and what is your opinion?

*Articles which the interview candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

Drugs 1999 Jan;57(1):9-17

Alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.

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*(potential interview candidates)*

Lower urinary tract symptoms secondary to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) have a significant impact on the lifestyle of older men. Transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) is the most

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effective surgical therapy for this condition but an increasing number of patients are electing conservative medical therapy. Alpha-Adrenoceptor antagonists and 5alpha-reductase inhibitors are the 2 categories of drug therapy currently available for BPH. (*Yamanouchi/Glaxo's Phase III drug duasteride is a 5-alpha drug. What are the advantages/disadvantages of this target?* Use of alpha-adrenoceptor antagonists in the treatment of BPH is based on their ability to prevent the neural stimulation which induces prostate smooth muscle contraction, producing lower urinary tract symptoms. Several studies have demonstrated that alpha-receptors predominate in the prostatic stroma, capsule and bladder neck. Initial work focused on the use of phenoxybenzamine, a nonspecific alpha-blocker, in the treatment of BPH. While results were promising, significant adverse effects and concern over potential mutagenicity have resulted in a lack of use of this medication for this indication. Subsequent attention was directed towards the short-acting alpha-specific antagonist prazosin. Results conflicted regarding whether an actual sustained improvement in lower urinary tract symptoms could be achieved with this medication, and because of twice daily dosing compliance issues were a drawback. Thus, the mainstay in pharmacological treatment of BPH over the past decade has been 2 once-a-day alpha-specific antagonists, doxazosin and terazosin. Over 75% of all prescriptions written for BPH are for one of these 2 medications. Despite their tremendous success in both decreasing urinary symptoms and increasing urinary flow rates, systemic adverse effects can be bothersome. Recently, efforts have focused on use of alpha1A-urospecific antagonists such as tamsulosin and alfuzosin in an attempt to achieve similar clinical results as doxazosin and terazosin without systemic adverse effects. (*Alfuzosin (Xatral) is Synthelabo's drug in Phase II. What are its advantages, disadvantages with respect to ABT-980?* ) Thus far, results are promising, but long term studies must be done to determine whether pharmacological uroselectivity is actually clinically relevant. (What is the meaning of this cautionary note?)

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Review

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9: Urology 1998 Jun;51(6):861-72

Alpha-blockade therapy for benign prostatic hyperplasia: from a nonselective to a more selective alpha1A-adrenergic antagonist.

Beduschi MC, Beduschi R, Oesterling JE

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(*Good interview candidates*)

Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is very common in older men, causing symptoms that can markedly impair quality of life. Surgical treatment, typically transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP), is highly effective but can be costly and is associated with the risk for significant morbidity. Medical treatments for BPH are targeted toward reducing bladder outlet obstruction either by androgen blockade to reduce prostatic volume or alpha-adrenergic blockade to relax the smooth muscle tone of the prostate. In recent years, understanding of the sympathetic innervation of the prostate has improved. This has been paralleled by the development of alpha-adrenergic blocking agents, from nonselective alpha-antagonists, to selective alpha1-antagonists, to the more selective alpha1A-antagonists. It is anticipated that more specific agents will optimize the therapeutic effectiveness of alpha-adrenergic blockade in the prostate

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while reducing the side effects associated with alpha-adrenergic blockade in other areas of the body, such as the vascular system. This article reviews the evolution of alpha-blockade therapy in management of BPH, focusing on tamsulosin, an agent targeted toward the alpha1A-adrenoceptor that predominates in the prostate. Clinical trials in Europe and the United States have provided evidence that tamsulosin is effective at doses of 0.4 and 0.8 mg/day. At both doses, tamsulosin is associated with significant improvements in the American Urological Association symptom score and the mean and peak urinary flow rates as compared with placebo. This once-daily alpha1A-adrenergic antagonist is well-tolerated, with a minimal potential for the side effects associated with alphas-blocker therapy.

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**ABT-773. Ketolide antibiotic for resistant bacteria** (This is technically straight-forward. Only one interview.)

*Primary interview candidates:*

Stuart Levy (Professor Microbiology Tuft's University School of Medicine, Tel: 617-636-6764, e-mail: stuart.levy@tufts.edu) is a leading authority on antibiotic resistance. If he views ketolides as particularly promising we may not need to interview anyone else.

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Department of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Harvard  
Medical School, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

*(Excellent interview candidates, because of local connection. Does Andy Onderdonk know these researchers)*

*Alternate interview candidate:*

Malathum K, Coque TM, Singh KV, Murray BE  
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Medical School, Houston 77030, USA.

*Questions for experts on ketolide antibiotics and antibiotic resistance*

1. What new classes of antibiotics show promise against resistant gram-positives?
2. Of the following new classes, which are the most promising: Quinolones, polyketides, macrolides, ketolides, others? Why?
3. On average, what percentage of gram-positive infections are resistant to antibiotics? How fast is resistance growing?
4. Which of the large drug companies do you see as leaders in the development of new antibiotics?
5. The antibiotic market is highly fragmented. In business terms, there are many antibiotics each with small market share. What would be the properties of a new antibiotic that would make it widely used? Of the development stage antibiotics, do you see one or more that should find wide usage, and thus large market share?
6. Are there any other approaches to protection against infections that will significantly compete with antibiotics? Vaccines? Vaccines in edible plants? Others?
7. Are there any other approaches to antibiotic resistance, besides new antibiotics, that seem promising?

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8. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked?  
What is it and what is your opinion?

*Articles which the interview candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

J Antimicrob Chemother 1998 Sep;42(3):297-301

In-vitro activity of the new ketolide antibiotic HMR 3647 against gram-positive bacteria.

Schulin T, Wennersten CB, Moellering RC Jr, Eliopoulos GM

(*excellent interview candidates, because of local connection*)

Department of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA 02115, USA.

(*Does Andy Onderdonk know these researchers*)

The comparative in-vitro activity of HMR 3647, a new ketolide antibiotic, was investigated against 492 clinical isolates of gram-positive bacteria, including multiply resistant strains, by an agar-dilution technique. All streptococci tested were inhibited by the new ketolide at concentrations  $\leq 0.5$  mg/L. HMR 3647 was more potent than erythromycin against staphylococci. (*Again, evidence of their promise*) For enterococci the new compound yielded an MIC<sub>90</sub> of 8 mg/L. Erysipelothrix spp., Pediococcus spp., Leuconostoc spp., Lactobacillus spp., JK diphtheroids and Listeria monocytogenes were also susceptible to the new ketolide.  
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Antimicrob Agents Chemother 1999 Apr;43(4):930-6

In vitro activities of two ketolides, HMR 3647 and HMR 3004, against gram-positive bacteria.

Malathum K, Coque TM, Singh KV, Murray BE

(*Good interview candidates*)

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The in vitro activities of two new ketolides, HMR 3647 and HMR 3004, were tested by the agar dilution method against 280 strains of gram-positive bacteria with different antibiotic susceptibility profiles, including Staphylococcus aureus, Enterococcus faecalis, Enterococcus faecium, Streptococcus spp. (group A streptococci, group B streptococci, Streptococcus pneumoniae, and alpha-hemolytic streptococci). Seventeen erythromycin-susceptible (Ems), methicillin-susceptible S. aureus strains were found to have HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 MICs 4- to 16-fold lower than those of erythromycin (MIC at which 50% of isolates were inhibited [MIC<sub>50</sub>] [HMR 3647 and HMR 3004], 0.03 microgram/ml; range, 0.03 to 0.06 microgram/ml; MIC<sub>50</sub> [erythromycin], 0.25 microgram/ml; range, 0.25 to 0.5 microgram/ml). All methicillin-resistant S. aureus strains tested were resistant to erythromycin and had HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 MICs of  $> 64$  micrograms/ml. The ketolides were slightly more active against E. faecalis than against E. faecium, and MICs for individual strains varied with erythromycin susceptibility. The MIC<sub>50</sub>s of HMR 3647 and HMR 3004 against Ems enterococci (MIC  $\leq 0.5$  microgram/ml) and those enterococcal isolates with erythromycin MICs of 1 to 16 micrograms/ml were 0.015 microgram/ml. E. faecalis strains that had erythromycin MICs of 128 to  $> 512$  micrograms/ml showed HMR 3647 MICs in the range of 0.03 to 16 micrograms/ml and HMR 3004 MICs in the range of 0.03 to 64 micrograms/ml. In the group of E. faecium strains for which MICs of erythromycin were  $\geq 512$  micrograms/ml, MICs of both ketolides were in the

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range of 1 to 64 micrograms/ml, with almost all isolates showing ketolide MICs of  $\leq 16$  micrograms/ml. The ketolides were also more active than erythromycin against group A streptococci, group B streptococci, *S. pneumoniae*, rhodococci, leuconostocs, pediococci, lactobacilli, and diphtheroids. Time-kill studies showed bactericidal activity against one strain of *S. aureus* among the four strains tested. The increased activity of ketolides against gram-positive bacteria suggests that further study of these agents for possible efficacy against infections caused by these bacteria is warranted.

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**ABT-594. Cholinergic channel agonist for diabetic neuropathic pain.** (Two interviews because of questions about efficacy.)

*Potential interview candidates:*

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*(Good interview candidate)*

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*Questions for experts on therapy for neuropathic pain:*

*Background for questions: Abbott calls ABT-594 a cholinergic channel modulator. Others in the literature call it a neuronal nicotinic receptor agonist. It should be noted that animal studies are all studies of nociceptive pain (caused by injurious stimuli, eg. heat) as opposed to neuropathic pain (caused by nerve injury).*

1. It is my understanding the tricyclic antidepressants, carbamazepine, gabapentin and amitriptyline are widely used in the treatment of neuropathic pain. Are these drugs sufficient for the need?

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2. There are a number of adjuvant analgesics in clinical development that could compete with nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists. Some examples are pregabalin (Parke-Davis) in Phase III trials, GV196771 (Glaxo) in Phase II, mianserin (Merz) in Phase II, ABT-924 (Abbott) which of these--or others that you know of--show special promise for neuropathic pain?
3. A variety of nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists such as nicotine, epibatidine and the azetidiny ether, (R)-5-(2-azetidinyloxy-2-chloropyridine (ABT-594) appear to possess significant efficacy in preclinical models of pain. Are any of these in clinical trials? Are any especially promising? Is the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor the same as the cholinergic channel? How do nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists stack up against the other kinds of drug candidates (above)?
4. It has been reported that some of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists have a small therapeutic window, which I'll define here as:  
  
(conc. for intolerable side effects)/(conc. for efficacy)
5. What is an acceptable therapeutic window for pain relievers in general, neuropathic pain relievers?
6. It seems to me that for pain relievers, where a patient might take many more pills than recommended, a therapeutic window of two to three is not sufficient? Are diabetic patients more compliant? Comment. What size of therapeutic window does the FDA look for in pain medications?
7. Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked? What is it and what is your opinion?

*Articles which the interview candidates have written as reference for interviews:*

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Neuropathic pain can seem enigmatic at first because it can last indefinitely and often a cause is not evident. However, heightened awareness of typical characteristics, such as the following, makes identification fairly easy: The presence of certain accompanying conditions (e.g., diabetes, HIV or herpes zoster infection, multiple sclerosis) Pain described as shooting, stabbing, lancinating, burning, or searing Pain worse at night Pain following anatomic nerve distribution Pain in a numb or insensate site The presence of allodynia Neuropathic pain responds poorly to standard pain therapies and usually requires specialized medications (e.g., anticonvulsants, tricyclic antidepressants, opioid analgesics) for optimal control. Successful pain control is

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enhanced with use of a systematic approach consisting of disease modification, local or regional measures, and systemic therapy.  
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Promising Choice for Diabetic Neuropathy Pain

Description: A new study led by the University of Wisconsin Medical School has found that a medication now used for controlling seizures is also effective against the pain of diabetic neuropathy -- with fewer and less serious side effects.

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RESEARCH IDENTIFIES PROMISING CHOICE FOR MANAGING PAIN OF DIABETIC NEUROPATHY UW researcher says drug is first effective option in more than a decade  
 MADISON -- A new study led by researchers from the University of Wisconsin Medical School has found that a medication now used for controlling seizures is also effective against the pain of diabetic neuropathy -- and produces fewer and less serious side effects than currently available treatments. Gabapentin, an anti-convulsant available in the U.S. for four years, not only significantly reduced pain from chronic neuropathy (due to damaged nerves) but also reduced sleep disturbances, improved mood and enhanced patients' quality of life. The findings are reported in the Dec. 3 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Neuropathy, or nerve damage, is the most common complication of diabetes: up to 45 percent of diabetic patients develop neuropathy in the course of the disease. While some patients report a numbness or tingling sensation, others experience neuropathic pain as a very distressing "pins and needles" sensation or one similar to receiving a series of electric shocks. Diabetic neuropathy pain most often affects the feet and ankles and to a lesser extent the legs above the knees and the arms. Poor control of blood sugar leads to nerve damage, which in turn may prompt the development of neuropathy. "This is the first study in more than 10 years to show there's another promising agent for treatment of nerve pain from diabetes," said principal investigator Dr. Miroslav Backonja, associate professor of neurology at University of Wisconsin Medical School and a pain specialist at UW Hospital and Clinics. "Gabapentin is a very welcome addition to our options for pain control. It is well-tolerated by most patients and stands apart from other drugs in that it doesn't interfere with other medications." In the study, 165 diabetic patients at 20 medical centers were randomly assigned to either an experimental group, which received gabapentin, or the control group, which received a placebo. All of the patients had a one- to five-year history of pain attributed to diabetic neuropathy. The study was double-blind, meaning neither the patients nor the researchers knew who was taking which agent. At the end of the eight-week study period, patients turned in daily diaries they had kept to monitor pain and sleep interference and also completed an assessment of their overall well-being. Researchers independently completed their own clinical assessment of change. Approximately 60 percent of the patients on gabapentin reported at least moderate improvement in their pain, while only 33 percent of placebo patients did. In addition, the medication proved to be well-tolerated; two-thirds of the gabapentin patients were able to take the highest dosage tested in the study. The most common side effects were dizziness and sleepiness, although they typically were of mild or moderate intensity. Backonja and his colleagues also found in the study that patients may get pain relief at dosages less than the maximum (3600 mg) tested, and clinicians are advised to adjust dosages based on their observations of individual patients. Backonja said gabapentin's

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“metabolic simplicity” – meaning it does not interact with or compete with other substances -- is important for diabetics, who frequently take several medicines. Gabapentin can be used alone or with other drugs to control pain. About three percent of Wisconsin residents have diabetes, according to the state Division of Health. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 15.7 million Americans have the disease; only 10 million have been diagnosed. Its incidence is increasing.

High-dose oral dextromethorphan versus placebo in painful diabetic neuropathy and postherpetic neuralgia. Nelson KA, Park KM, Robinovitz E, Tsigos C, Max MB Pain and Neurosensory Mechanisms Branch, National Institute of Dental Research, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892-1258, USA. N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonists relieve neuropathic pain in animal models, but side effects of dissociative anesthetic channel blockers, such as ketamine, have discouraged clinical application. Based on the hypothesis that low-affinity NMDA channel blockers might have a better therapeutic ratio, we carried out two randomized, double-blind, crossover trials comparing six weeks of oral dextromethorphan to placebo in two groups, made up of 14 patients with painful distal symmetrical diabetic neuropathy and 18 with postherpetic neuralgia. Thirteen patients with each diagnosis completed the comparison. Dosage was titrated in each patient to the highest level reached without disrupting normal activities; mean doses were 381 mg/day in diabetics and 439 mg/day in postherpetic neuralgia patients. In diabetic neuropathy, dextromethorphan decreased pain by a mean of 24% (95% CI: 6% to 42%,  $p = 0.01$ ), relative to placebo. In postherpetic neuralgia, dextromethorphan did not reduce pain (95% CI: 10% decrease in pain to 14% increase in pain,  $p = 0.72$ ). Five of 31 patients who took dextromethorphan dropped out due to sedation or ataxia during dose escalation, but the remaining patients all reached a reasonably well-tolerated maintenance dose. We conclude that dextromethorphan or other low-affinity NMDA channel blockers may have promise in the treatment of painful diabetic neuropathy.

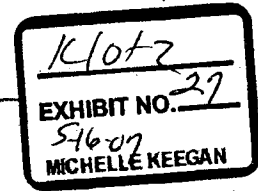
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Attached is the Moellering interview. I will do the Nelson one tomorrow.

-Lynn

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**Robert Moellering interview on colchicine-site binding agents**

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Dr. Moellering is an expert on antimicrobial therapy. His major interests include the mechanism of action and mechanisms of resistance to antimicrobial agents. He is or has served as editor of three major antimicrobial and infectious disease journals.

He was the senior author of a recent article entitled "In-vitro Activity of the New Ketolide Antibiotic HMR 3647 Against Gram-positive Bacteria." (J Antimicrob Chemother 1998, Sep; 42(3): 297-301).

**Interview**

The interview summary below was typed from handwritten notes and memory shortly after the interview, and is therefore subject to error in details normal to this process. Some of the interview has been rearranged for clarity. The interviewers comments and questions are in italics, Dr. Moellering's comments in normal type. This interview summary should remain **confidential** within John Hancock, as I did not ask if they could be disseminated beyond Hancock and the interviewee has had no chance to comment and correct the summaries.

*Before we get to ketolides, what other new classes of antibiotics show promise against resistant gram-positives?*

The development pipeline opens and closes. In the last year and a half nothing new and different has entered the pipeline.

Let me review some of the recent ones to reach the market. These antibiotics are being developed as substitutes for use in vancomycin-resistant bacteria.

Synercid (Aventis) is an intravenous antibiotic which has just entered the market. It is not the greatest drug, but does have activity against vancomycin-resistant Staph. I doubt that it will reach sales per year of \$100 to \$150 million.

Zyvor or another antibiotic just on the market. It can be administered orally and intravenously. The problem with this antibiotic is that it is bacteriostatic (*doesn't kill bacteria, just prevents them from proliferating*) not bacteriocidal. You have to wait a long time to kill bacteria.

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Pharmacia has an oxazolidnone antibiotic, Zyvox is the brand name, which has good activity against gram-positive bacteria and is just on the market. There are at least five companies developing oxazolidnone antibiotics.

Daptinomycin is a complex lipopeptide antibiotic which Cubist acquired from Lilly. It is intravenously administered. It kills bacteria by damaging the membrane. *(Dr. Moellering brought up daptinomycin without any prompting from me, which indicates to me that it is at least on the radar screen of new promising agents.)*

*Is it one of those peptides that creates pores in membranes so that the cellular constituents leak out?*

No, it alters the transport of ions across the membrane.

*Would daptinomycin be expensive to manufacture since it is a complex lipopeptide?*

It is a modified natural product. *(So manufacturing cost may not be an issue.)*

Daptinomycin is a second line of defense when standard therapies don't work.

Lilly also has a vancomycin substitute which is administered intravenously. It is in limited Phase III clinical trials because of toxicity concerns since it has a very long half-life of 150 hours in the body.

Glycocycline derivatives are IV administered tetracycline derivatives. They are highly effective against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, but have intestinal toxicity when given orally.

All these antibiotics I have mentioned have been known for three or four years, so they don't represent new promising agents just entering the pipeline.

One antibiotic, Zyricin, has just been abandoned in clinical trials. It had both efficacy and toxicity problems.

*What about ketolides?*

The Aventis antibiotic, Ketek, has just been approved in Europe. It has not yet been approved in the US yet. *(According to Abbott, an NDA for Ketek has been filed in the US.)*

Abbott's ketolide has more promise than Aventis'. I am talking relative here. Ketolides have pluses and minuses because they are modified macrolide antibiotics. For example, erythromycin is a macrolide. All macrolides cause a degree of G.I. toxicity when given orally. Also bacteria have many resistance mechanisms against macrolides.

To circumvent resistance is the reason ketolides were developed. The two major resistance mechanisms are (1) an efflux mechanism that pumps macrolides out of the bacterium, and (2)

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methylation of an adenine at the ribosomal binding site for the antibiotic which prevents the antibiotic from binding. *(A major mechanism of a number of antibiotics is binding selectively to bacterial ribosomes to prevent translation of messenger RNA into protein.)* There are also a number of minor resistance mechanisms to macrolides. The existence of several resistance mechanisms makes it easier for non-resistant bacteria to develop resistance.

Ketolides are modifications of macrolides that avoid the major resistance mechanisms. First, a ketone group is attached to the "active" site on the macrolide which allows the antibiotic to avoid efflux (doesn't induce the efflux mechanism). It had been thought that the active site couldn't be modified and activity retained. It was surprising to find that macrolides could be modified with a ketone at the active site and still retain activity. Second, other macrolide modifications in ketolides make them bind strongly to ribosomes, so the adenine methylation does not prevent binding necessary for activity.

One problem with ketolides is that they have a limited range of bacterial-species activity, which will probably limit their usefulness to respiratory infections.

*In business terms, will that make their market insubstantial?*

The respiratory infection market is very big; it includes sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia.

*Aventis claims their ketolide will reach \$1 billion in sales. Do you think that is possible?*

To attain a \$1 billion market, two things must happen. They must unseat erythromycin and they must out compete the new fluoroquinolones which are going after the same market. There is a scenario where ketolides may find significantly greater use than fluoroquinolones. Clinicians are familiar with macrolides and know that they are safe. They also know that they may develop resistance and have been living with that. They may wish to use fluoroquinolones sparingly to retard the development of resistance in them and use them primarily as a second line of defense.

Regarding Abbott's ketolide, I haven't seen the clinical trial data, but if they have better activity than erythromycin against *H. Influenzae*, that would give them a big market boost.

*(Note: Abbott's Phase II data indicate a 92% effectiveness (overall eradication) against H. Influenzae. How does this compare to erythromycin?)*

*Is there an important issue we haven't discussed or important question I haven't asked?*

No, I think we have pretty much covered it.

Additional questions for Abbott from what was learned from this interview:

Your Phase II clinical data indicates a 92% effectiveness (overall eradication) against *H. Influenzae*. How does this compare to erythromycin? If more effective than erythromycin, how do you see that affecting market size?

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Do you see a competitive threat from the new peptide antibiotics such as Daptinomycin?  
To attain a \$1 billion market for a ketolide as Aventis predicts, one of the experts we interviewed thought that two things must happen. It must unseat erythromycin, and it must out compete the new fluoroquinolones which are going after the same market. Do you agree with that statement?  
If so, how do you see it happening?

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## Research Analysis Report

### The Changing Face of Antihistamines And Cardiac Adverse Drug Reactions : A Clinical Perspective

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Recent times have witnessed a qualitative shift in the recognition and management of adverse drug effects. Many of them occur in organs that are unconnected to the primary target of pharmacological action. Out of these, cardiac side-effects have drawn particular attention because of their potential to cause death.

Starting with the early observations on antibiotics such as macrolides, followed by fluoroquinolones and others, the focus has now shifted to the antihistamine class of drugs which are used extensively by patients all over the world, thanks to the ever increasing levels of environmental pollution. The occurrence of prolonged QTc interval following treatment with terfenadine leading to ventricular tachycardia of torsades de pointes variety with a potentially fatal outcome has forced many regulatory authorities of the world to clamp a ban on the use of this drug.

Alerted by these developments, studies on a new member, followed by fluoroquinolones and others, the focus has now shifted to the antihistamine class of drugs which are used extensively by patients all over the world, thanks to the ever increasing levels of environmental pollution. The occurrence of prolonged QTc interval following treatment with terfenadine leading to ventricular tachycardia of torsades de pointes variety with a potentially fatal outcome has forced many regulatory authorities of the world to clamp a ban on the use of this drug.

Alerted by these developments, studies on a new member of non-sedating antihistamine class viz, fexofenadine, have been reviewed especially because of the structural similarity between terfenadine and fexofenadine. It is now clear that despite the closeness of its chemical structure to terfenadine fexofenadine behaves in a different manner and does not affect the electrophysiology of the heart muscle tissue, as proved by data from extensive clinical trials as well as membrane models *in vitro*. Interestingly, the solitary false alarm that was sounded on the drug by a group of workers in the Netherlands was later rectified by the same group. Clinically speaking, the cardiovascular safety of fexofenadine has been convincingly demonstrated at various dose levels and various time intervals, alone and together with other drugs of potential toxigenicity. All things put together, it appears reasonable to conclude that fexofenadine is free from cardiovascular ADRs of clinical significance. It could also be concluded that cardiac side-effects of antihistamines is not a class effect.

With the steady flow of newer chemical entities entering modern therapeutics in various domains, there is emerging a spectre of adverse drug reactions from some of the least expected quarters, unconnected with the organs targeted for therapy. By and large most of the side-effects of commonly prescribed oral agents reported hitherto have related to the gastro-intestinal tract, while other organs like the liver, kidney, haemopoietic system, etc, have been affected relatively less frequently. The recently reported instances of cardiovascular side-effects with diverse agents such as antihistamines and antibiotics used in ambulatory practice marks a watershed development in the clinical domain of seemingly routine therapy for ordinary clinical conditions<sup>1</sup>.

**Early pointers** — An early pointer to such unexpected side-effects in fact came from antibiotics. A wide array of this class of drugs is being used in our country for the treatment of an equally wide variety of infections. But the lion's share goes to ambulatory therapy for community acquired respiratory tract infections, where macrolides have deservedly made their mark all over the world. The prototype macrolide, erythromycin, which has been in use for nearly half a century, came under fresh scrutiny when certain cardiac side-effects, such as delayed ventricular repolarisation characterised by prolonged QTc interval, a pre-condition for the development of fatal ventricular tachycardias, were reported. The incidence increased on co-administration with other drugs with a similar propensity<sup>2</sup>. Warnings on drug interaction were soon established and widely disseminated.

Of the other classes of anti-infectives, modern fluoroquinolones are also making their impact felt in the management of community acquired respiratory tract infections, thanks to their broad antibacterial spectrum especially against Gram-positive microbes such as *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. But there was a surprise here as well when sparfloxacin, a modern quinolone, was reported to produce cardiac side-effects similar to erythromycin<sup>3</sup>. It is now generally accepted that if there are pre-existing cardiovascular risk factors in patients receiving sparfloxacin, such therapy might pave the way for ventricular tachycardia, as it happened in some patients who were part of

a post-marketing surveillance study<sup>4</sup>.

Another commonly used class of drugs that sprang a surprise from a cardiovascular point of view were the antihistamines. Suspicion had prevailed with astemizole and terfenadine for a long time but with the accumulating evidence from several centres across the globe, the regulatory authorities had to take action eventually. It is now well known that an important member of the non-sedating class of newer antihistamines, namely terfenadine, has been withdrawn from the market in several countries because of the some potentially lethal cardiovascular side-effect viz, QTc prolongation<sup>5</sup>.

**Uppsala experience**—The WHO Collaborating Centre for International Drug Monitoring in Uppsala, Sweden, tracked the experience on the risks of five antihistamines viz, acrivastine, astemizole, cetirizine, loratadine and terfenadine. Sales data from 17 countries were available and covered 9976 adverse drug reaction reports as calculated in terms of reports per million defined daily doses (DDDs) sold.

The overall reporting rate profiles for all five antihistamines had similarities in the sense that the rates per body system organ class were lower than 0.25 reports per million DDDs sold. Adverse effects relating to CNS, psychiatric, special sensory and general reactions accounted for most of the reports. With regard to cardiotoxicity, a break up of the reports is presented in Table 1.

Table 1—Cardiac Rate and Rhythm Disorders

Drug	Total rate and rhythm disorders	Selected reactions <sup>1</sup>	Cardiac deaths/sudden death
Acrivastine	3	1	0
Astemizole	233	110	8
Cetirizine	15	19	2
Loratadine	266	106	13
Terfenadine	864	429	98

<sup>1</sup>Arrhythmia, ventricular arrhythmia, cardiac arrest, ventricular fibrillation, QT prolongation, supraventricular tachycardia, ventricular tachycardia, torsades de pointes.

Based on the above data, it was pointed out by the Uppsala investigators that "some of the alternatives to terfenadine may have a

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similar problem, suggesting that thorough considerations of the comparative benefit-risk profile of all non-sedating antihistamines is wise<sup>3</sup>.

Not a class-effect — There were fears expressed in some quarters that the cardiac side-effects of antihistamines might be a problem associated with this class of drugs as a whole, but this does not appear to be the case<sup>4</sup>. This was also proven in elaborate comparative studies in which the sensitive index of antihistamine ED50<sup>5</sup> was used as a measure of drug activity. The lowest dose of the antihistamine required to produce detectable prolongation of QTc interval was compared to the dose required to inhibit by 50% the peripheral bronchospasm elicited by histamine at 10 microgrammes/kg administered intravenously. Using this method on a host of antihistamines viz, astemizole, norastemizole, carbastine, ebastine, cetirizine, and terfenadine the investigators observed that only astemizole, ebastine and terfenadine were arrhythmogenic in this model, thus ruling out any possibility of a class effect of this category of drugs on the cardiac tissue.

Ebastine (an antihistamine not available in India) is known to block potassium channels in the myocardial tissue, but this is not as pronounced as with terfenadine<sup>6</sup>. In rat ventricular myocytes, the inhibitory effects of terfenadine were more marked than those with ebastine and epastine<sup>7</sup>. When coadministered clinically with ketoconazole, QTc prolongation was observed to occur with cetirizine and ebastine as evident in serial ECG or Holter monitoring. These effects were however not as pronounced as with terfenadine<sup>8</sup>.

Large data base — Against this background, the recent findings on fexofenadine, which has now been made available globally, and is rapidly filling the void left by the departure of terfenadine, prove interesting and thus merit a closer look. As a truly non-sedating agent, it is also devoid of antimuscarinic side-effects. It is important to view the pharmacokinetics of fexofenadine closely in this context, because it is actually the acid metabolite of terfenadine<sup>9</sup>, a fact that has raised some questions regarding its freedom from similar side-effects.

It was precisely because fexofenadine is the acid metabolite of terfenadine, its effects on the electrocardiogram of treated patients had to be very carefully monitored and evaluated during its clinical development prior to registration. In a review of the available clinical trial data on fexofenadine, the absence of any adverse effect of the drug on the electrocardiographic findings of the patients was brought out with special emphasis<sup>10</sup>. In controlled trials with approximately 6000 persons, no case of fexofenadine-associated torsade de pointes was observed. It is important to review the available data more closely to reconfirm the cardiovascular safety of fexofenadine.

#### MATERIAL AND METHOD

Two double-blind, randomised, 2-week placebo-controlled parallel studies were conducted with a total of 1,160 patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis, of whom 870 received fexofenadine and 290 received placebo<sup>11,12</sup>. Doses of 40, 60, 120 and 240 mg of the drug given twice daily were compared with placebo. Electrocardiographs were studied at 1-3 hours following the final dose when plasma levels of the drug were expected to be the highest. Mean changes from baseline were compared across doses and for each dose compared with placebo. Since the two studies were identical in their design, the data could be pooled for scrutiny (Table 2).

#### OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSION

The results that emerged were indeed striking in demonstrating the cardiovascular safety of fexofenadine:

• There was no statistically significant increase in mean QTc with fexofenadine as compared to placebo.

• There was no statistically significant increase in mean QTc with increasing doses of fexofenadine.

• There was no dose-response relation between QTc and the dose of fexofenadine.

• There was no statistically significant change from baseline in QTc for any individual dose of fexofenadine.

• There was no statistically significant difference in change from baseline QTc between placebo and any individual dose of

Table 2 — Mean QTc and Mean QTc Change from Baseline in Patients with Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis Treated with Fexofenadine (n=1160)

Treatment (twice daily)	No of cases	Baseline QTc (ms)	End study QTc (ms)	Change from baseline QTc
Placebo	285	409	408	-1.6
Fexofenadine 40 mg	144	411	410	-1.2
Fexofenadine 60 mg	283	410	409	-0.5
Fexofenadine 120 mg	286	410	410	0.3
Fexofenadine 240 mg	145	409	409	0.1

fexofenadine.

QTc outliers and drug interactions — In clinical trials with fexofenadine for seasonal allergic rhinitis, particular attention was paid to those cases where the maximum QTc value measured exceeded 430 milliseconds (ms), with an increase of greater than 10 ms from the baseline value (called 'outlier' QTc value). The incidence of such cases is presented in Table 3. The salient observations in this regard are:

Table 3 — Incidence of QTc Outliers in Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis Patients Treated with Fexofenadine (n=1160)

Treatment (twice daily)	QTc outlier incidence n/N (%)	Maximum QTc interval (ms)
Placebo	17/285 (6.0%)	484
Fexofenadine 40 mg	7/144 (4.9%)	488
Fexofenadine 60 mg	18/283 (6.4%)	484
Fexofenadine 120 mg	19/286 (6.6%)	479
Fexofenadine 240 mg	8/145 (5.5%)	480
Fexofenadine all doses	52/858 (6.0%)	488

The incidence of outlier values was similar in fexofenadine and placebo groups.

The incidence did not increase with increasing dose of fexofenadine.

The range of QTc outlier values were similar in fexofenadine and placebo groups.

The prolongation of QTc interval due to terfenadine was attributed to the excessive accumulation of the drug arising out of coadministration with other drugs that interfere with its metabolism by hepatic cytochrome enzymes responsible for CYP3A4 metabolic pathways<sup>13</sup>. As a result, drug interaction studies have assumed considerable significance in ruling out cardiac toxicity by potential drug candidates. The reference drugs that are known to compete for these metabolic pathways are ketoconazole and erythromycin. Accordingly fexofenadine was studied for its potential interaction with these drugs in healthy volunteers in open-label, multiple-dose, randomised cross-over studies for a 6.5-day dosing period<sup>14</sup>. There was no increase in QTc interval when fexofenadine was combined with these agents (Table 4).

Long term safety — Since many patients with allergic rhinitis tend to consume antihistamines over prolonged periods of time, the importance of long term safety studies has been increasingly recognised in recent times. Fexofenadine was studied for safety over periods ranging from 3 months to 12 months of continuous administration in three parallel, placebo-controlled studies<sup>15</sup>. There was no difference between placebo controls and fexofenadine treated patients with regard to the change in QTc from baseline characteristics nor was the incidence of outliers any different between the placebo and drug-treated patients (Table 5).

It must be emphasised that in controlled clinical trials covering

Table 4 — Drug Interaction Studies: Fexofenadine + Erythromycin/Ketoconazole

Treatment	No of cases	Baseline QTc (ms)	Day 7 QTc (ms)	Change from baseline	P value
Fexofenadine 120 mg twice daily + erythromycin 500 mg three daily	19	391 ± 23	393 ± 24	1.6 ± 11.1	0.5285
Fexofenadine 120 mg twice daily + ketoconazole 400 mg once daily	23	396 ± 14	399 ± 15	3.1 ± 10.9	0.1812



Table 5 — Long Term Safety Studies Fexofenadine

Duration	Treatment	No of cases	Baseline QTc (ms)	End study QTc (ms)	Change from baseline	Incidence of outlier QTc (%)
3 months	Placebo	14	413	404	-8.8	0
	Fexofenadine 80 mg bid	27	408	405	-2.3	0
6 months	Placebo	209	401	401	0.3	8.6
	Fexofenadine 60 mg bid	216	402	403	0.9	7.4
12 months	Placebo	233	397	403	5.6	9.9
	Fexofenadine 240 mg od	231	398	401	3.0	9.5

more than 6000 patients all over the world, not a single episode of torsade de pointes ventricular tachycardia has been reported, even after 12 months of continuous drug administration. In yet another study<sup>17</sup> 432 patients with chronic urticaria were given fexofenadine at a daily dosage of 180 mg for a variable period of 14 days to 3 months. Cardiac status and ECG were evaluated prior to and during the treatment period. There was no evidence of QTc prolongation or the development of ventricular tachycardia in any patient. There are indeed strong testimonies to the cardiovascular safety of fexofenadine against the backdrop of significant risk posed by other antihistamines.

The basic cellular mechanism by which some antihistamines like terfenadine cause QTc prolongation has now been studied extensively. The ionic channels in the myocardial cell wall responsible for the movement of potassium, especially the  $I_K$  type, have been shown to be blocked by terfenadine. It has also been demonstrated that these potassium channels are totally unaffected by fexofenadine, which goes to explain the absence of clinical cardiovascular toxicity with fexofenadine in contrast to terfenadine and other antihistamines<sup>18</sup>. In this context, it must be mentioned that a false alarm was sounded on fexofenadine with the development of ventricular arrhythmias in a 67-year-old man<sup>19</sup> but the same patient was further studied by the same group of investigators, using sophisticated laboratory techniques to rule out the causative role of the drug. This case is a clear example of how not to jump to conclusions with regard to drug toxicity based on a random report.

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration

# MEDWATCH

**THE FDA MEDICAL PRODUCTS REPORTING PROGRAM**

## SUMMARY OF SAFETY-RELATED DRUG LABELING CHANGES APPROVED BY FDA June 2000

(Posted: August 11, 2000)

**Note:** The following summaries include only those safety-related sections that have been modified, and therefore do not contain all the information needed for safe and effective prescribing. Contact the manufacturer for the complete labeling/package insert.

**NB:** Comparison made to 2000 *Physicians' Desk Reference* (PDR), if drug's labeling included in the PDR.

### Quick Reference:

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ACCOLATE  
(zafirlukast)

AMBISOME  
(amphotericin B)

ANDROGEL  
(testosterone gel)

AQUASOL A  
(vitamin A palmitate)

ATACAND  
(candesartan)

BIAXIN  
(clarithromycin)

CIPRO  
(ciprofloxacin)

COSMEGEN  
(dactinomycin)

CYTOTEC  
(misoprostol)

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DEPACON &  
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(divalproex sodium,  
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valproic acid))

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EVISTA  
(raloxifene HCl)

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<u>NOLVADEX</u> (tamoxifen citrate)	<u>NORMOSOL-R</u> (electrolytes)	<u>ORTHO-CYCLEN &amp; ORTHO TRI- CYCLEN</u> (norgestimate/ ethinyl estradiol)	<u>ORTHO-NOVUM</u> (norethindrone/mestranol)
<u>PRAVACHOL</u> (pravastatin sodium)	<u>PREVACID</u> (lansoprazole)	<u>QUINAGLUTE DURA-TABS</u> (quinidine gluconate)	<u>REGLAN</u> (metoclopramide)
<u>RHINOCORT</u> (budesonide)	<u>SEREVENT</u> (salmeterol xinafoate)	<u>SERZONE</u> (nefazodone HCl)	<u>SODIUM ACETATE</u>
<u>SODIUM PHOSPHATE</u>	<u>STERILE WATER</u>	<u>TICLID</u> (ticlopidine HCl)	<u>TONOCARD</u> (tocainide HCl)
<u>UREAPHIL</u> (sterile urea)			

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**ACCOLATE (zafirlukast) Tablets**  
[June 12, 2000: AstraZeneca]

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Feb00, Sep99]

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Information for patients:** Third paragraph, third sentence revised -

"Patients should be told that a rare side effect of Accolate is elevation of liver enzymes and that if they experience signs and/or symptoms of liver dysfunction (e.g., right upper quadrant abdominal pain, nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, and flu-like symptoms), they should contact their physician immediately."

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"Patients should be told that a rare side effect of Accolate is hepatic dysfunction, and to contact their physician immediately if they experience symptoms of hepatic dysfunction (e.g., right upper quadrant abdominal pain, nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, flu-like symptoms, and anorexia)."

**Hepatic:** Section revised -

Rarely, elevations of one or more liver enzymes may occur during Accolate therapy. Most of these have been observed in clinical trials with Accolate at doses four times higher than the recommended dose. The clinical significance of these elevations are unknown. Cases of symptomatic hepatitis and hyperbilirubinemia without other attributable cause, have been reported from the post-marketing experience in patients who have received the recommended dose of Accolate (40 mg/day). In rare cases, patients have progressed to hepatic failure. In most, but not all patients, the clinical symptoms abated and the liver enzymes returned to normal or near normal after stopping Accolate. If clinical signs or symptoms of liver dysfunction (e.g., right upper quadrant abdominal pain, nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, and flu-like symptoms) are noted, it is reasonable to recommend that standard liver tests be obtained and the patient managed accordingly. A decision to discontinue Accolate should be individualized to the patient's condition weighing the risk of hepatic dysfunction against the clinical benefit of Accolate to the patient. (See PRECAUTIONS, Information for Patients and ADVERSE REACTIONS sections.)

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"Rarely, elevations of one or more liver enzymes have occurred in patients receiving Accolate in controlled clinical trials. In clinical trials, most of these have been observed at doses four times higher than the recommended dose. The following hepatic events (which have occurred predominantly in females) have been reported from postmarketing adverse event surveillance of patients who have received the recommended dose of Accolate (40 mg/day): cases of symptomatic hepatitis (with or without hyperbilirubinemia) without other attributable cause; and rarely, hyperbilirubinemia without other elevated liver function tests. In most, but not all, postmarketing reports, the patient's symptoms abated and the liver enzymes returned to normal or near normal after stopping Accolate. In rare cases, patients have progressed to hepatic failure.

"If liver dysfunction is suspected based upon clinical signs or symptoms (e.g., right upper quadrant abdominal pain, nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, flu-like symptoms, anorexia, and enlarged liver) Accolate should be discontinued. Liver function tests, in particular serum ALT, should be measured immediately and the patient managed accordingly. If liver function tests are consistent with hepatic dysfunction, Accolate therapy should not be resumed. Patients in whom Accolate was withdrawn because of hepatic dysfunction where no other attributable cause is identified should not be re-exposed to Accolate. (See PRECAUTIONS, Information for patients and ADVERSE REACTIONS sections).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

Third paragraph revised -

"Rarely, elevations of one or more liver enzymes have occurred in patients receiving ACCOLATE in controlled clinical trials. Most of these have been observed in asymptomatic patients at doses four times higher than the recommended dose. The clinical significance of these elevations are unknown. Cases of symptomatic hepatitis and hyperbilirubinemia, without other attributable cause have been reported from the post-marketing experience in patients who have received the recommended daily dose of ACCOLATE (40 mg/day). In rare cases, patients have progressed to hepatic failure. In most, but not all patients, the clinical symptoms abated and the liver enzymes returned to normal or near normal after stopping ACCOLATE."

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"Rarely, elevations of one or more liver enzymes have occurred in patients receiving Accolate in controlled clinical trials. In clinical trials, most of these have been observed at doses four times higher than the recommended dose. The following hepatic events (which have occurred predominantly in females) have been reported from postmarketing adverse event surveillance of patients who have received the recommended dose of Accolate (40 mg/day): cases of symptomatic hepatitis (with or without hyperbilirubinemia) without other attributable cause; and rarely hyperbilirubinemia without other elevated liver function tests. In most, but not all, postmarketing reports, the patient's symptoms abated and the liver enzymes returned to normal or near normal after stopping Accolate. In rare cases, patients have progressed to hepatic failure."

Sixth paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

"Hypersensitivity reactions, including urticaria, angioedema and rashes, with or without blistering, have been reported in association with Accolate therapy. Additionally, there have been reports of patients experiencing agranulocytosis, bleeding, bruising, edema, *arthralgia*, and *myalgia* in association with Accolate therapy."

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**AMBISOME (amphotericin B) Liposome for Injection**  
[June 16, 2000: Fujisawa]

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Jan99]

Labeling provides for a new indication - use in the treatment of cryptococcal meningitis in HIV infected patients. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**ANDROGEL (testosterone) Gel**  
[June 7, 2000: Unimed Pharmaceuticals]

**PATIENT PACKAGE INSERT:**

**Patient Information and Instructions for Using Androgel:** Who should not take Androgel?  
Second bullet revised -

"breast cancer (a rare condition for men)  
["heart, kidney, or liver disease" deleted]"

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**AQUASOL A (water-miscible vitamin A palmitate) Parenteral**

[June 9, 2000: Astra]

**INDICATIONS:****Pediatric Use:** New third paragraph -

"Vitamin A treatment for deficiency states has been recognized as an especially effective and important therapy in the pediatric population. Vitamin A supplementation for deficiency states in this population has been addressed by the Committee on Clinical Practice Issues of the American Society for Clinical Nutrition, by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, and by the World Health Organization."

**WARNINGS:**

New paragraph -

"Pediatric Use: Polysorbates have been associated with the E-Ferol syndrome (thrombocytopenia, renal dysfunction, hepatomegaly, cholestasis, ascites, hypotension and metabolic acidosis) in low-birth weight infants."

**OVERDOSAGE:****Hypervitaminosis A Syndrome:**

2. Specific manifestations: (new text in italics)

"d. Systemic: *hepatotoxicity*, hypomenorrhea, hepatosplenomegaly, jaundice, leukopenia, vitamin A plasma level over 1,200 Units/mL."

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

Second paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

"Follow-up therapy with an oral therapeutic multi-vitamin preparation containing 10,000 to 20,000 Units vitamin A for ["persons" deleted] *adults and for pediatric patients over 8 years old*, and 5,000 to 10,000 Units for infants and ["children" deleted] *other pediatric patients under 8 years old*, is recommended daily for two months. *Low-birth-weight infants may require additional vitamin A though the exact dosing in these pediatric patients has not been established.* In malabsorption, the parenteral route must be used for an equivalent preparation."

Return to Quick Reference**ATACAND (candesartan cilexetil) Tablets**

[June 14, 2000: Astra]

**PRECAUTIONS:****Drug Interactions:** Second sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Because candesartan is not *significantly* metabolized by the cytochrome P450 system and *at therapeutic concentrations* has no effects on P450 enzymes, interactions with drugs that inhibit or are metabolized by those enzymes would not be expected."



**ADVERSE REACTIONS:****Post-Marketing Experience:** New subsection -

"Other adverse events reported for candesartan cilexetil where a causal relationship could not be established include very rare cases of neutropenia, leukopenia and agranulocytosis."

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**BIAXIN (clarithromycin) Granules**  
**[June 5, 2000: Abbott]**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:****Post-Marketing Experience:** Fifth paragraph revised -

"Rarely, erythromycin and clarithromycin have been associated with ventricular arrhythmias, including ventricular tachycardia and torsades de pointes, in individuals with prolonged  $Q_t_c$  intervals."

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"As with other macrolides, clarithromycin has been associated with QT prolongation and ventricular arrhythmias, including ventricular tachycardia and torsades de pointes."

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**CIPRO (ciprofloxacin) I.V. Solution, Tablets & Oral Suspension**  
**[June 28, 2000: Bayer]**

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:**

Third sentence, fourth paragraph revised [Tablets & Oral Suspension labeling] (new text in italics)

"After a 250-mg oral dose, urine concentrations of ciprofloxacin usually exceed ["200 mg/mL" deleted] 200  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  during the first two hours and are approximately ["30 mg/mL" deleted] 30  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  at 8 to 12 hours after dosing."

[I.V. Solution & Tablets and Oral Suspension labeling] new eighth and fifteenth paragraphs added respectively -

"Pharmacokinetic studies of the oral (single dose) and intravenous (single and multiple dose) forms of ciprofloxacin indicate that plasma concentrations of ciprofloxacin are higher in elderly subjects (> 65 years) as compared to young adults. Although the  $C_{\text{max}}$  is increased 16-40%, the increase in mean AUC is approximately 30%, and can be at least partially attributed to decreased renal clearance in the elderly. Elimination half-life is only slightly (~20%) prolonged in the

elderly. These differences are not considered clinically significant. (See PRECAUTIONS: Geriatric Use.)"

#### PRECAUTIONS:

**Information for Patients:** First bullet, first three sentences revised [Tablets and Oral Suspension labeling] (new text in italics) -

"that ciprofloxacin may be taken with or without meals *and to drink fluids liberally*. ["The preferred time of dosing is two hours after a meal. Patients should be advised to drink fluids liberally and not take antacids containing magnesium, aluminum, or calcium, products containing iron, or multivitamins containing zinc." deleted] *As with other quinolones, concurrent administration of ciprofloxacin with magnesium/aluminum antacids, or sucralfate, Videx (didanosine) chewable/buffered tablets or pediatric powder, or with other products containing calcium, iron or zinc should be avoided. These products may be taken two hours after or six hours before ciprofloxacin.*"

**Drug Interactions:** Third paragraph, first sentence revised [Tablets & Oral Suspension labeling] (new text in italics) -

"Concurrent administration of ["ciprofloxacin" deleted] *a quinolone, including ciprofloxacin*, ["with antacids containing magnesium, aluminum, or calcium; with sucralfate or divalent and trivalent cations such as iron may substantially interfere with the absorption of ciprofloxacin, resulting in serum and urine levels considerably lower than desired." deleted] *with multivalent cation-containing products such as magnesium/aluminum antacids, sucralfate, Videx (didanosine) chewable/buffered tablets or pediatric powder, or products containing calcium, iron, or zinc may substantially decrease its absorption, resulting in serum and urine levels considerably lower than desired.* ["To a lesser extent this effect is demonstrated with zinc-containing multivitamins." deleted] (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION for concurrent administration of these agents with ciprofloxacin.)

New fourth paragraph -

Histamine H<sub>2</sub>-receptor antagonists appear to have no significant effect on the bioavailability of ciprofloxacin.

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection added [I.V. Solution & Tablets and Oral Suspension] -

"In a retrospective analysis of 23 multiple-dose controlled clinical trials of ciprofloxacin encompassing over 3500 ciprofloxacin treated patients, 25% of patients were greater than or equal to 65 years of age and 10% were greater than or equal to 75 years of age. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals on any drug therapy cannot be ruled out. Ciprofloxacin is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of adverse reactions may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. No alteration of dosage is necessary for patients greater than 65 years of age with normal renal function. However, since some older individuals experience reduced renal function by virtue of their advanced age, care should be taken in dose selection for elderly patients, and renal function monitoring may be useful in these patients. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.)"

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

Fourth paragraph, first sentence revised [Tablets and Oral Suspension labeling] (new text in italics) -

"In acute uncomplicated cystitis in females, the usual dosage is 100-mg *or* 250-mg every 12 hours."

Under "**DOSAGE GUIDELINES**" table, the section for "Urinary Tract Infection, Acute Uncomplicated" -

"or 250-mg" was added to the unit dose column.

**See Instructions To The Pharmacist for Use/Handling of Cipro Oral Suspension:** New last sentence added -

"Cipro (ciprofloxacin) 5% and 10% Oral Suspension should not be administered through feeding tubes due to its physical characteristics."

The paragraph with the heading "**Concurrent Use With Antacids or Multivalent Cations:**" has been deleted and replaced with the sentence -

"Ciprofloxacin should be administered at least 2 hours before or 6 hours after magnesium/aluminum antacids, or sucralfate, Videx (Didanosine) chewable/buffered tablets or pediatric powder for oral solution, or other products containing calcium, iron or zinc."

**Instructions To The Patient For Taking Cipro Oral Suspension:** Information concerning shaking the bottle before each use and "the product can be used" was added to the following paragraph to read:

"Swallow the prescribed amount of suspension. Do not chew the microcapsules. Reclose the bottle completely after use according to the instructions on the cap. Shake vigorously each time for approximately 15 seconds. The product can be used for 14 days when stored in the refrigerator or at room temperature (below 86°F). After treatment has been completed, any remaining suspension should not be reused."

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**COSMEGEN (dactinomycin) Injection**  
**[June 7, 2000: Merck]**

Labeling extensively revised. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**CYTOTEC (misoprostol) Tablets**

[June 22, 2000: G.D. Searle]

**CONTRAINDICATIONS AND WARNINGS:**

Boxed Warning revised (new text in italics) -

*CYTOTEC (MISOPROSTOL) ADMINISTRATION BY ANY ROUTE IS CONTRAINDICATED, BECAUSE IT CAN CAUSE ABORTION, IN WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS).* ["Cytotec (misoprostol) is contraindicated, because of its abortifacient property in women who are pregnant. (See Precautions).]" deleted]

*Anecdotal reports have been received, primarily from Brazil, of congenital anomalies and reports of fetal death in pregnancies in which misoprostol has been used as an abortifacient.* ["Anecdotal reports, primarily from Brazil, of congenital anomalies and reports of fetal death subsequent to misuse of misoprostol as an abortifacient have been received." Deleted]

Two new paragraphs added -

"UTERINE RUPTURE HAS BEEN REPORTED WHEN CYTOTEC WAS ADMINISTERED INTRAVAGINALLY IN PREGNANT WOMEN TO INDUCE LABOR OR TO INDUCE ABORTION BEYOND THE FIRST TRIMESTER OF PREGNANCY.

"UTERINE PERFORATION HAS BEEN REPORTED FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATION OF COMBINED VAGINAL-AND-ORAL CYTOTEC IN PREGNANT WOMEN TO INDUCE ABORTION. IN EACH OF THESE REPORTED CASES, THE GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE PREGNANCIES WAS UNKNOWN."

**PRECAUTIONS: SPECIAL NOTE FOR WOMEN:** Subsection revised -

"Cytotec must not be used by pregnant women. Cytotec may cause miscarriage. Miscarriages caused by Cytotec may be incomplete, which could lead to potentially dangerous bleeding, hospitalization, surgery, infertility, or maternal or fetal death."

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"Because of its abortifacient property, Cytotec is contraindicated for use by pregnant women. Cytotec may cause miscarriage if given to pregnant women at any time during pregnancy. Miscarriages caused by Cytotec may be incomplete, which could lead to dangerous bleeding, hospitalization, surgery, infertility, or maternal or fetal death."

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:****Gynecological:** New third sentence -

"There have been reports in which intravaginal administration of misoprostol in pregnant women resulted in rupture of the uterus and death of the infant. (See boxed CONTRAINDICATIONS AND WARNINGS.)"

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**DEPAKOTE (divalproex sodium) Tablets & Capsules**  
**DEPACON (valproate sodium) Injection**  
**DEPAKENE (valproic acid) Capsules & Syrup**  
**[June 19, 2000: Abbott]**

[Other information regarding these changes: Letter],  
 [Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: May00]

**BOXED WARNING:**

**PANCREATITIS:** New subsection -

"CASES OF LIFE-THREATENING PANCREATITIS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS RECEIVING VALPROATE. SOME OF THE CASES HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS HEMORRHAGIC WITH A RAPID PROGRESSION FROM INITIAL SYMPTOMS TO DEATH. CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED SHORTLY AFTER INITIAL USE AS WELL AS AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF USE. PATIENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD BE WARNED THAT ABDOMINAL PAIN, NAUSEA, VOMITING, AND/OR ANOREXIA CAN BE SYMPTOMS OF PANCREATITIS THAT REQUIRE PROMPT MEDICAL EVALUATION. IF PANCREATITIS IS DIAGNOSED, VALPROATE SHOULD ORDINARILY BE DISCONTINUED. ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT FOR THE UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITION SHOULD BE INITIATED AS CLINICALLY INDICATED (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS.)"

**WARNINGS:**

**Pancreatitis:** New subsection -

"Cases of life-threatening pancreatitis have been reported in both children and adults receiving valproate. Some of the cases have been described as hemorrhagic with rapid progression from initial symptoms to death. Some cases have occurred shortly after initial use as well as after several years of use. The rate based upon the reported cases exceeds that expected in the general population and there have been cases in which pancreatitis recurred after rechallenge with valproate. In clinical trials, there were 2 cases of pancreatitis without alternative etiology in 2416 patients, representing 1044 patient-years experience. Patients and guardians should be warned that abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and/or anorexia can be symptoms of pancreatitis that require prompt medical evaluation. If pancreatitis is diagnosed, valproate should ordinarily be discontinued. Alternative treatment for the underlying medical condition should be initiated as clinically indicated (see BOXED WARNING)."

**Somnolence in the Elderly:** New subsection -

"In a double-blind, multicenter trial of valproate in elderly patients with dementia (mean age = 83 years), doses were increased by 125 mg/day to a target dose of 20 mg/kg/day. A significantly higher proportion of valproate patients had somnolence compared to placebo, and although not statistically significant, there was a higher proportion of patients with dehydration. Discontinuations for somnolence were also significantly higher than with placebo. In some patients with somnolence (approximately one-half), there was associated reduced nutritional intake and weight loss. There was a trend for the patients who experienced these events to have a lower baseline albumin concentration, lower valproate clearance, and a higher BUN. In elderly patients, dosage should be increased more slowly and with regular monitoring for fluid and nutritional intake, dehydration, somnolence, and other adverse events. Dose reductions or"



discontinuation of valproate should be considered in patients with decreased food or fluid intake and in patients with excessive somnolence (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)."

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**General:** New last paragraph -

"There are *in vitro* studies that suggest valproate stimulates the replication of the HIV and CMV viruses under certain experimental conditions. The clinical consequence, if any, is not known. Additionally, the relevance of these *in vitro* findings is uncertain for patients receiving maximally suppressive antiretroviral therapy. Nevertheless, these data should be borne in mind when interpreting the results from regular monitoring of the viral load in HIV infected patients receiving valproate or when following CMV infected patients clinically."

**Drug Interactions:** Drugs for which a potentially important valproate interaction has been observed:

New first paragraph -

"Amitriptyline/Nortriptyline - Administration of a single oral 50 mg dose of amitriptyline to 15 normal volunteers (10 males and 5 females) who received valproate (500 mg BID) resulted in a 21% decrease in plasma clearance of amitriptyline and a 34% decrease in the net clearance of nortriptyline. Rare postmarketing reports of concurrent use of valproate and amitriptyline resulting in an increased amitriptyline level have been received. Concurrent use of valproate and amitriptyline has rarely been associated with toxicity. Monitoring of amitriptyline levels should be considered for patients taking valproate concomitantly with amitriptyline. Consideration should be given to lowering the dose of amitriptyline/nortriptyline in the presence of valproate."

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

**Other Patient Populations:**

CNS Effects: Addition of "parkinsonism" as last entry to third sentence.

Other: Addition of "Anaphylaxis" as first entry to the subsection.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**General Dosing Advice:** New first paragraph -

"Dosing in Elderly Patients - Due to a decrease in unbound clearance of valproate and possibly a greater sensitivity to somnolence in the elderly, the starting dose should be reduced in these patients. Dosage should be increased more slowly and with regular monitoring for fluid and nutritional intake, dehydration, somnolence, and other adverse events. Dose reductions or discontinuation of valproate should be considered in patients with decreased food or fluid intake and in patients with excessive somnolence. The ultimate therapeutic dose should be achieved on the basis of both tolerability and clinical response (see WARNINGS)."

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**EFFEXOR XR (venlafaxine HCl) Capsules**  
**[June 12, 2000: Wyeth-Ayerst]**

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Mar00]

#### PRECAUTIONS:

**General:** *Mydriasis*

New subsection -

"Mydriasis has been reported in association with venlafaxine: therefore patients with raised intra-ocular pressure or at risk of acute narrow angle glaucoma should be monitored."

**Drug Interactions:** Indinavir

New subsection -

"In a study of 9 healthy volunteers, venlafaxine administered under steady-state conditions at 150 mg/day resulted in a 28% decrease in the AUC of a single 800 mg oral dose of indinavir and a 36% decrease in indinavir  $C_{max}$ . Indinavir did not affect the pharmacokinetics of venlafaxine and ODV. The clinical significance of this finding is unknown."

#### OVERDOSAGE:

**Human Experience:** Fourth paragraph deleted -

"In postmarketing experience, there have been reports of fatalities in patients taking overdoses of venlafaxine, predominantly in combination with alcohol and or other drugs."

Replaced with -

"In postmarketing experience, overdose with venlafaxine has occurred predominantly in combination with alcohol and/or other drugs. Electrocardiogram changes (e.g. prolongation of QT interval, bundle branch block, QRS prolongation), sinus and ventricular tachycardia, bradycardia, hypotension, altered level of consciousness (ranging from somnolence to coma), seizures, vertigo, and death have been reported."

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### EVISTA (raloxifene HCl) Tablets [June 27, 2000: Eli Lilly]

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Sep99]

#### CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:

**Mechanism of Action:** Third paragraph, fourth sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Raloxifene decreases total and LDL cholesterol levels but does not increase triglyceride levels (*see PRECAUTIONS*)."

#### PRECAUTIONS:

**Lipid Metabolism:** New third sentence -

"Limited clinical data suggest that some women with a history of marked hypertriglyceridemia ( $> 5.6$  mmol/L or  $> 500$  mg/dL) in response to treatment with oral estrogen or estrogen plus progestin may develop increased levels of triglycerides when treated with Evista. Women with this medical history should have serum triglycerides monitored when taking Evista."

**Patient Package Insert:**

**What else should I know about Evista?:** New sentence added -

"In general, it does not change triglycerides or HDL ("good") cholesterol. However, if you have taken estrogen in the past and had extreme elevations in triglycerides, you should talk with your doctor before taking Evista."

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**FOSCAVIR (foscarnet sodium) Injection**  
**[June 13, 2000: Astra]**

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Drug Interactions:** Third paragraph revised -

"Abnormal renal function has been reported in connection with the use of Foscavir in combination with ritonavir and/or saquinavir has been observed in clinical practice."

Replaced with revisions incorporated below -

"Abnormal renal function has been observed in clinical practice during the use of Foscavir and ritonavir or Foscavir, ritonavir, and saquinavir. (See DOSAGE and ADMINISTRATION.)"

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

"No studies of the efficacy or safety of Foscavir in persons 65 years of age or older have been conducted. However, Foscavir has been used in patients aged 65 years of age and older. The pattern of adverse events in these patients is consistent across all age groups. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and renal function should be monitored. (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.)"

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**GEMZAR (gemcitabine HCl) Injection**  
**[June 23, 2000: Eli Lilly]**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

**Single-Agent Use:**



*Renal* - Fourth sentence revised -

"The diagnosis of Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome (HUS) should be considered if the patient develops anemia with evidence of microangiopathic hemolysis, ["as indicated by" deleted] elevation of bilirubin or LDH, reticulocytosis, severe thrombocytopenia, and/or evidence of renal failure (elevation of serum creatinine or BUN)."

*Pulmonary* - Subsection revised (new text in italics) -

"Dyspnea was reported in 23% of patients, severe dyspnea in 3%. Dyspnea may be due to underlying disease such as lung cancer (40% of study population) or pulmonary manifestations of other malignancies. Dyspnea was occasionally accompanied by bronchospasm (<2% of patients). ["Rare reports of parenchymal lung toxicity consistent with drug induced pneumonitis have been associated with the use of Gemzar. Rarely pulmonary edema of unknown etiology, sometimes severe, has occurred in association with Gemzar therapy. Gemzar therapy should be discontinued immediately and appropriate supportive care measures instituted." Deleted] *Pulmonary effects (including pulmonary edema, interstitial pneumonitis, or adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), sometimes severe, have been reported in association with Gemzar therapy. The etiology of these effects is unknown. If such effects develop, Gemzar should be discontinued. Early use of supportive care measures may help ameliorate these conditions.*"

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### **GENOTROPIN (somatropin) Injection** **[June 20, 2000: Pharmacia & Upjohn]**

Labeling revised to incorporate information for a new indication - use for the treatment of pediatric patients with Prader-Willi syndrome. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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### **ISMO (isosorbide mononitrate) Tablets** **[June 13, 2000: A.H. Robbins]**

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: [Jun99](#)]

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection added -

"Clinical studies of Ismo did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, although age, renal, hepatic or cardiac dysfunction do not appear to have a clinically

significant effect on the clearance of Ismo."

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**LUVOX (fluvoxamine maleate) Tablets**  
**[June 1, 2000: Solvay]**

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

First sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Co-administration of terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride or *pimozide* with Luvox tablets is contraindicated (see WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS)."

**WARNINGS:**

**Potential Terfenadine, Astemizole, Cisapride and *Pimozide* Interactions** Text revised (new text in italics) -

First, second and fifth sentences revised (new text in italics) -

"Terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride and *pimozide* are all metabolized by the cytochrome P450III A4 isoenzyme, and it has been demonstrated that ketoconazole, a potent inhibitor of IIIA4, blocks the metabolism of these drugs, resulting in increased plasma concentrations of parent drug. Increased plasma concentrations of terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride and *pimozide* cause QT prolongation and have been associated with torsades de pointes-type ventricular tachycardia, sometimes fatal."

"Consequently, it is recommended that fluvoxamine not be used in combination with either terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride, and *pimozide*. (see CONTRAINDICATIONS and PRECAUTIONS)."

**Hyponatremia:** New subsection -

"Several cases of hyponatremia have been reported. In cases where the outcome was known, the hyponatremia appeared to be reversible when fluvoxamine was discontinued. The majority of these occurrences have been in elderly individuals, some in patients taking diuretics or with concomitant conditions that might cause hyponatremia. In patients receiving Luvox tablets and suffering from Syndrome of Inappropriate Secretion of Antidiuretic Hormone (SIADH), displacement syndromes, edematous states, adrenal disease or conditions of fluid loss, it is recommended that serum electrolytes, especially sodium as well as BUN and plasma creatinine, be monitored regularly."

**Drug Interactions:** Last paragraph, first sentence (new text in italics) -

A clinically significant fluvoxamine interaction is possible with drugs having a narrow therapeutic ratio such as terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride or *pimozide*, warfarin, theophylline, certain benzodiazepines and phenytoin."

**OVERDOSAGE:**

**Management of Overdose:** Previous subsection significantly revised and is replaced with the following:

"Treatment should consist of those general measures employed in the management of overdose with any antidepressant.

"Ensure an adequate airway, oxygenation and ventilation. Monitor cardiac rhythm and vital signs. General supportive and symptomatic measures are also recommended. Induction of emesis is not recommended. Gastric lavage with a large-bore orogastric tube with appropriate airway protection, if needed, may be indicated if performed soon after ingestion, or in symptomatic patients.

"Activated charcoal should be administered. Due to the large volume of distribution of this drug, forced diuresis, dialysis, hemoperfusion and exchange transfusion are unlikely to be of benefit. No specific antidotes for fluvoxamine are known.

"A specific caution involves patients taking, or recently having taken, fluvoxamine who might ingest excessive quantities of a tricyclic antidepressant. In such a case, accumulation of the parent tricyclic and/or an active metabolite may increase the possibility of clinically significant sequelae and extend the time needed for close medical observation (see Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCAs) under Precautions).

"In managing overdose, consider the possibility of multiple drug involvement. The physician should consider contacting a poison control center for additional information on the treatment of any overdose. Telephone numbers for certified poison control centers are listed in the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR)."

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**MELLARIL (thioridazine HCl) Tablets, Oral Suspension & Oral Solution**  
**[June 19, 2000: Novartis]**

[Other information regarding these changes: Letter]

Labeling extensively revised. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**NAVELBINE (vinorelbine) Injection**  
**[June 8, 2000: Glaxo Wellcome]**

{Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: May00}

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:**

**Pharmacokinetics:** New fifth paragraph -

"The influence of age on the pharmacokinetics of vinorelbine was examined using data from 44 cancer patients (average age,  $56.7 \pm 7.8$  years; range, 41 to 74 years; with 12 patients greater than or equal to 60 years and 6 patients greater than or equal to 65 years) in 3 studies. CL (the mean plasma clearance),  $t_{1/2}$  (the terminal phase half-life), and  $V_z$  (the volume of distribution during terminal phase) were independent of age. A separate pharmacokinetic study was conducted in 10 elderly patients with metastatic breast cancer (age range, 66 to 81 years; 3 patients > 75 years; normal liver function tests) receiving vinorelbine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously. CL,  $V_{ss}$ , and  $t_{1/2}$  were similar to those reported for younger adult patients in previous studies. No relationship between age, systemic exposure ( $AUC_{0-\infty}$ ) and hematological toxicity was observed."

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New last sentence -

"The pharmacokinetics of vinorelbine in elderly and younger adult patients are similar (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY)."

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**NOLVADEX (tamoxifen citrate) Tablets**  
**[June 29, 2000: AstraZeneca]**

Labeling revised to incorporate information on a new indication - use in women with DCIS (Ductal Carcinoma in Situ), following breast surgery and radiation, Nolvadex is indicated to reduce the risk of invasive breast cancer. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**NORMOSOL-R (electrolytes & water)**  
**NORMOSOL-R (electrolytes & 5% dextrose)**  
**IONOSOL MB (electrolytes & 5% dextrose)**  
**IONOSOL B (electrolytes & 5% dextrose)**  
**IONOSOL T (electrolytes & 5% dextrose)**  
**Injection**

**[June 20, 2000: Abbott]**

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: [Feb00](#)]

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:**

Paragraph describing potassium, third sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Potassium chloride in water dissociates to provide potassium ( $K^+$ ) and ( $Cl^-$ ) ions. Potassium is the chief cation of body cells (160 mEq/liter of intracellular water). It is found in low concentrations in plasma and extracellular fluids (3.5 to 5.0 mEq/liter in a healthy adult *and child over 10 days old*; 3.5 to 6.0 mEq/liter in a child less than 10 days old.)"

Paragraph describing water as an essential body constituent followed by a new table -

"Water is an essential constituent of all body tissues and accounts for approximately 70% of total body weight. Average normal adult daily requirement ranges from two to three liters (1.0 to 1.5 liters each for insensible water loss by perspiration and urine production)."

New text and table -

"Average normal pediatric daily requirements are based on the child's weight as described in the table below:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Fluid Requirements</u>
Up to 10 kg	100 mL/kg
11 to 20 kg	1,000 mL + 50 mL/kg for each kg above 10 kg
Above 20 kg	1,500 mL + 20 mL/kg for each kg above 20 kg

#### **WARNINGS:**

Two new paragraphs added [Normosol-R, all formulations, June 15, 2000] -

"Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function during fluid replacement with Normosol-R [Normosol-R and Dextrose]."

"Elderly patients may be at increased risk for the development of fluid overloading and dilutional hyponatremia following Normosol-R [Normosol-R and Dextrose] administration."

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

**Pediatric Use:** New subsection [dextrose containing formulations] -

"The safety and effectiveness in the pediatric population are based on the similarity of the clinical conditions of the pediatric and adult populations. In neonates or very small infants the volume of fluid may affect fluid and electrolyte balance.

"Frequent monitoring of serum glucose concentrations is required when dextrose is prescribed to pediatric patients, particularly neonates and low birth weight infants.

"In very low birth weight infants, excessive or rapid administration of dextrose injection may

result in increased serum osmolality and possible intracerebral hemorrhage. "

New subsection [Normosol-R and water formulation] -

"The safety and effectiveness of Normosol-R have been established in the age groups of birth to 16 years. Use of Normosol-R is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled clinical studies in adults with additional data from post-marketing experience in the pediatric population."

**Geriatric Use:** [Normosol -R, all formulations, June 15, 2000]

New subsection -

"Clinical studies of Normosol -R did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they responded differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy."

"Elderly patients have been shown to secrete higher levels of antidiuretic hormone than younger patients, which may increase the risk of fluid overloading, and dilutional hyponatremia in these patients. See WARNINGS."

"This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function. See WARNINGS."

#### **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

[products containing dextrose] New second paragraph -

"As reported in the literature, the dosage and constant infusion rate of intravenous dextrose must be selected with caution in pediatric patients, particularly neonates and low birth weight infants, because of the increased risk of hyperglycemia/hypoglycemia. "

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:**

**Preparation for Administration:** Steps 1 through 8 (Steps 1 through 9 for Normosol -R) deleted.

Replaced by new subsection:

##### **To Administer**

"1. Attach administration set per manufacturer's instructions."

"2. Regulate rate of administration per institutional policy."

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:**

[Normosol -R & 5% dextrose] New paragraph -

"Some opacity of the plastic due to moisture absorption during the sterilization process may be observed. This is normal and does not affect the solution quality or safety."

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**ORTHO-CYCLEN  
ORTHO-TRI-CYCLEN  
(norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol)  
Tablets**

**[June 5, 2000: R.W. Johnson]**

**DETAILED PATIENT LABELING:**

**Effectiveness Of Oral Contraceptives For Contraception:** Text revised (new text in italics) -

"In comparison, typical failure rates for other non-surgical methods of birth control during the first year of use are as follows:

Implant: <1%

Injection: <1%

IUD: 1 to 2%

Diaphragm with spermicides: ["18%" deleted] 20%

Spermicides alone: ["21%" deleted] 26%

Vaginal sponge: ["18 to 36%" deleted] 20 to 40%

*Female sterilization:* <1%

*Male sterilization:* <1%

Cervical Cap with spermicides: ["18 to 36%" deleted] 20 to 40%

Condom alone (male): ["12%" deleted] 14%

Condom alone (female): 21%

Periodic abstinence: ["20%" deleted] 25%

*Withdrawal:* 19%

No Methods: 85% "

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**ORTHO-NOVUM 1/50 (norethindrone/mestranol) Tablets**

**[June 5, 2000: R.W. Johnson]**

[Note: These changes appear in the 2000 PDR]

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE:**

"Table 1: PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING AN UNINTENDED PREGNANCY DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF TYPICAL USE AND THE FIRST YEAR OF PERFECT USE OF CONTRACEPTION AND THE PERCENTAGE CONTINUING USE AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR. UNITED STATES" (Trussel table) and reference no.1 has been updated from 1994 to 1998. (Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert)

**WARNING:**

**3. CARCINOMA OF THE REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS AND BREASTS:** Second paragraph, also found in the corresponding paragraph in DETAILED PATIENT LABELING,

"Cancer of the reproductive organs and breasts" -

"A meta-analysis of 54 studies reports that women who are currently using combined oral contraceptives or have used them in the past 10 years are at a slightly increased risk of having breast cancer diagnosed although the additional cancers tend to be localized to the breast. There is no evidence of an increased risk of having breast cancer diagnosed 10 or more years after the cessation of use."

has been revised. The revised paragraph reads:

"A meta-analysis of 54 studies found a small increase in the frequency of having breast cancer diagnosed for women who were currently using combined oral contraceptives or had used them in the past 10 years. This increase in the frequency of breast cancer diagnosis, within 10 years of stopping use, was generally accounted for by cancers localized to the breast. There was no increase in the frequency of having breast cancer diagnosed ten or more years after cessation of use."

Third paragraph, first sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Some studies suggest that oral contraceptive use has been associated with an increase in the risk of cervical *intraepithelial* neoplasia in some populations of women."

#### PRECAUTIONS:

**Nursing Mothers:** Second and third sentences revised (new text in italics) Also found in the corresponding text of the DETAILED PATIENT LABELING, "GENERAL PRECAUTIONS, 2. While breast feeding" section (fourth and fifth sentences) -

"In addition, *combination* oral contraceptives given in the postpartum period may interfere with lactation by decreasing the quantity and quality of breast milk. If possible, the nursing mother should be advised not to use *combination* oral contraceptives but to use other forms of contraception until she has completely weaned her child."

**Pediatric Use:** New subsection -

"Safety and efficacy of ORTHO-NOVUM 1/50 Tablets have been established in women of reproductive age. Safety and efficacy are expected to be the same for postpubertal adolescents under the age of 16 and for users 16 years and older. Use of this product before menarche is not indicated."

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### PRAVACHOL (pravastatin sodium) Tablets [June 23, 2000: Bristol-Myers Squibb]

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Jan00, Feb00]

#### CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:



**Pharmacokinetics/Metabolism:** New last paragraph -

"In a single oral dose study using pravastatin 20 mg, the mean AUC for pravastatin was approximately 27% greater and the mean cumulative urinary excretion (CUE) approximately 19% lower in elderly men (65-75 years old) compared with younger men (19 to 31 years old). In a similar study conducted in women, the mean AUC for pravastatin was approximately 46% higher and the mean CUE approximately 18% lower in elderly women (65 to 78 years old) compared to younger women (18 to 38 years old). In both studies  $C_{max}$ ,  $T_{max}$  and  $T_{1/2}$  values were similar in older and younger subjects."

**Clinical Studies:** New last sentence in first paragraph regarding the Pravastatin Primary Prevention Study (West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study - WOS) -

"Median (25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) percent changes from baseline after 6 months of pravastatin treatment in Total C, LDL-C, TG, and HDL were -20.3 (-26.9, -11.7), -27.7 (-36.0, -16.9), -9.1 (-27.6, 12.5), and 6.7 (-2.1, 15.6), respectively."

New fourth sentence in the paragraph regarding the Cholesterol and Recurrent Events (CARE) study -

"Median (25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) percent changes from baseline after 6 months of pravastatin treatment in Total C, LDL-C, TG, and HDL were -22.0 (-28.4, -14.9), -32.4 (-39.9, -23.7), -11.0 (-26.5, 8.6), and 5.1 (-2.9, 12.7), respectively."

**Primary Hypercholesterolemia (Fredrickson Type IIa and IIb)**

Second paragraph, first sentence revised -

"A single daily dose ["administered in the evening (the recommended dosing)" deleted] is as effective as the same total daily dose given twice a day."

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE:**

**Hyperlipidemia:** Subsection previously named "Hypercholesterolemia and Mixed Dyslipidemia" First paragraph revised (new text in *italics*) -

"Pravachol is indicated as an adjunct to diet to reduce elevated Total-C, Apo B, and TG levels *and to increase HDL-C* in patients with primary hypercholesterolemia and mixed dyslipidemia (Frederickson Type IIa and IIb)."

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

"Two secondary prevention trials with pravastatin (CARE and LIPID) included a total of 6,593 subjects treated with pravastatin 40 mg for periods ranging up to 6 years. Across these two studies, 36.1% of pravastatin subjects were 65 and older and 0.8% were aged 75 and older. The beneficial effect of pravastatin in elderly subjects in reducing cardiovascular events and in modifying lipid profiles was similar to that seen in younger subjects. The adverse event profile in the elderly was similar to that in the overall population. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences to pravastatin between elderly and younger patients."

Mean pravastatin AUCs are slightly (25-50%) higher in healthy elderly subjects than in healthy younger subjects, but mean  $C_{max}$ ,  $T_{max}$  and  $T_{1/2}$  values are similar in both age groups and substantial accumulation of pravastatin would not be expected in the elderly (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics/Metabolism)."

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

first paragraph, last sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"["During clinical trials the overall incidence of adverse events in the elderly was not different from the incidence observed in younger patients." Deleted] (See also *PRECAUTIONS: Geriatric Use section*) "

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**PREVACID (lansoprazole) Capsules**  
**[June 20, 2000: TAP Pharmaceuticals]**

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Jan99]

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

**Clinical:** Fifth paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

"Additional adverse experiences occurring in <1% of patients or subjects in domestic ["and/or international" deleted] trials ["or occurring since the drug was marketed," deleted] are shown below ["within each body system" deleted]. *Refer to Postmarketing for adverse reactions occurring since the drug was marketed.*

Body as a Whole - "anaphylactoid-like reaction" moved to Postmarketing

Digestive System - "vomiting" moved to Postmarketing

Hematologic and Lymphatic System - renamed *Hemic and Lymphatic System* - "agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia, hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura" moved to Postmarketing."

Urogenital system - "urinary retention" moved to Postmarketing

["The majority of hematologic cases received were foreign-sourced and their relationship to lansoprazole was unclear" deleted]

**Postmarketing:** new subsection -

On-going Safety Surveillance: Additional adverse experiences have been reported since lansoprazole has been marketed. The majority of these cases are foreign-sourced and a relationship to lansoprazole has not been established. Because these events were reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events are listed below by COSTART body system.

Body as a Whole - anaphylactoid-like reaction; Digestive System - hepatotoxicity, vomiting;  
 Hemic and Lymphatic System - agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia, hemolytic anemia, leukopenia,

neutropenia, pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura; Special Senses - speech disorder; Urogenital System - urinary retention.

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**QUINAGLUTE DURA-TABS (quinidine gluconate) Tablets**  
**[June 24, 2000: Berlex]**

[Note: These changes appear in 2000 the PDR]

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:**

**Pharmacokinetics and Metabolism:** First paragraph, new last sentence -

"The rate of absorption of quinidine following the ingestion of grapefruit juice may be decreased."

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Drug and Diet Interactions:** (Previously " Drug Interactions")

**Altered pharmacokinetics of quinidine:** two interactions added to end of subsection -

"Grapefruit juice: Grapefruit juice inhibits P450 3A4-mediated metabolism of quinidine to 3-hydroxyquinidine. Although the clinical significance of the interaction is unknown, grapefruit juice should be avoided.

"Dietary salt: The rate and extent of quinidine absorption may be affected by changes in dietary salt intake; a decrease in dietary salt intake may lead to an increase in plasma quinidine concentrations."

**Non-interactions of quinidine with other drugs:** Second paragraph, first sentence revised -

"Conversely, the pharmacokinetics of quinidine are not significantly affected by caffeine, ciprofloxacin, digoxin, [*diltiazem* deleted], felodipine, omeprazole, or quinine.

**OVERDOSAGE:**

**Accelerated removal::** Last paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

"Following quinidine overdose, drugs that delay elimination of quinidine (cimetidine, carbonic-anhydrase inhibitors, *diltiazem*, thiazide diuretics) should be withdrawn unless absolutely required."

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**REGLAN (metoclopramide) Tablets, Injection & Syrup**  
**[June 1, 2000: Wyeth-Ayerst]**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS: Hematologic:** Addition of "Sulfhemoglobinemia in adults". Substantial

additions regarding pediatric patients to the **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics** subsection and **PRECAUTIONS, Pediatric Use** subsection. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**RHINOCORT (budesonide) Nasal Inhaler**  
**[June 2, 2000: AstraZeneca]**

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

"Clinical studies of Rhinocort Nasal Inhaler did not include a sufficient number of patients 65 years of age and older to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in either clinical safety or efficacy between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy."

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**SEREVENT (salmeterol xinafoate) Inhalation Aerosol & Diskus**  
**[June 29, 2000: Glaxo]**

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:**

**Effects in Patients with Asthma on Concomitant Inhaled Corticosteroids:** New subsection provides information on use with inhaled corticosteroids -

"In 4 clinical trials in adult and adolescent patients with asthma (n = 1922), the effect of adding salmeterol to inhaled corticosteroid therapy was evaluated. The studies utilized the inhalation aerosol formulation of salmeterol xinafoate for a treatment period of 6 months. They compared the addition of salmeterol therapy to an increase (at least doubling) of the inhaled corticosteroid dose.

"Two randomized, double-blind, parallel group clinical trials (n = 997) enrolled patients (ages 18 - 82 years) with persistent asthma who were previously maintained but not adequately controlled on inhaled corticosteroid therapy. During the 2-week run-in period, all patients were switched to beclomethasone dipropionate 168 mcg twice daily. Patients still not adequately controlled were randomized to either the addition of salmeterol inhalation aerosol 42 mcg twice daily or an increase of beclomethasone dipropionate to 336 mcg twice daily. As compared to the doubled dose of beclomethasone dipropionate, the addition of salmeterol resulted in statistically significantly greater improvements in pulmonary function and asthma symptoms, and statistically significantly greater reduction in supplemental albuterol use. The percent of patients who experienced asthma exacerbations overall was not different between groups (i.e., 16.2% in the salmeterol group versus 17.9% in the higher dose beclomethasone dipropionate group).

"Two randomized, double-blind, parallel group clinical trials (n = 925) enrolled patients (ages 12 - 78 years) with persistent asthma who were previously maintained but not adequately controlled on prior therapy. During the 2 - 4 week run-in period, all patients were switched to fluticasone propionate 88 mcg twice daily. Patients still not adequately controlled were randomized to either the addition of salmeterol inhalation aerosol 42 mcg twice daily or an increase of fluticasone propionate to 220 mcg twice daily. As compared to the increased (2.5 times) dose of fluticasone propionate, the addition of salmeterol resulted in statistically significantly greater improvements in pulmonary function and asthma symptoms, and statistically significantly greater reduction in supplemental albuterol use. Fewer patients receiving salmeterol experienced asthma exacerbations than those receiving the higher dose of fluticasone propionate (8.8% versus 13.8%)."

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**SERZONE (nefazodone) Tablets**  
**[June 1, 2000: Bristol-Myers Squibb]**

**CONTRAINDICATIONS, WARNINGS, PRECAUTIONS:**

[Note: These changes appear in the 2000 PDR]

"pimozide" is included with "terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride" regarding interactions.

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Drug Interactions:** [Not appearing in 1999 PDR; extensively revised in the 2000 PDR] Revisions incorporated in the following paragraph -

"There have been reports of increased blood concentrations of cyclosporine and tacrolimus into toxic ranges when patients received these drugs concomitantly with Serzone. Both cyclosporine and tacrolimus are substrates of CYP3A4, and nefazodone is known to inhibit this enzyme. If either cyclosporine or tacrolimus is administered with Serzone, blood concentrations of the immunosuppressive agent should be monitored and dosage adjusted accordingly."

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

**Postintroduction Clinical Experience:** [Appearing in 2000 PDR] New last sentence (paragraph)

"Rare reports of liver necrosis and liver failure, in some cases leading to liver transplantation and/or death."

**OVERDOSAGE:**

**Human Experience:** [For 1999 PDR only] First sentence deleted -

"There is very limited experience with nefazodone overdose."

**Overdose Management** [Extensive revisions to the 1999 PDR subsection] Revisions incorporated in the following paragraphs:

"Treatment should consist of those general measures employed in the management of overdose with any antidepressant."




"Ensure an adequate airway, oxygenation, and ventilation. Monitor cardiac rhythm and vital signs. General supportive and symptomatic measures are also recommended. Induction of emesis is not recommended. Gastric lavage with a large-bore orogastric tube with appropriate airway protection, if needed, may be indicated if performed soon after ingestion, or in symptomatic patients.

"Activated charcoal should be administered. Due to the wide distribution of nefazodone in body tissues, forced diuresis, dialysis, hemoperfusion, and exchange transfusion are unlikely to be of benefit. No specific antidotes for nefazodone are known.

"In managing overdosage, consider the possibility of multiple drug involvement. The physician should consider contacting a poison control center for additional information on the treatment of any overdose. Telephone numbers for certified poison control centers are listed in the Physician's Desk Reference."

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### **SODIUM ACETATE Injection** **[June 15, 2000: Abbott]**


#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

"An evaluation of current literature revealed no clinical experience identifying differences in response between elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

"Sodium (and potassium) ions are known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function."

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### **SODIUM PHOSPHATES Injection** **[June 16, 2000: Abbott]**

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

"An evaluation of current literature revealed no clinical experience identifying differences in response between elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater

frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

"Sodium ions and phosphorus ions are known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function."

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**STERILE WATER Injection**  
[June 14, 2000: Abbott]

**PRECAUTIONS:**

**Pediatric Use:** Revisions incorporated in paragraph below -

"The safety and effectiveness in the pediatric population are based on the similarity of the clinical conditions of the pediatric and adult populations. In neonates or very small infants the volume of fluid may affect fluid and electrolyte balance."

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**TAXOL (paclitaxel) Injection**  
[June 20, 2000: Bristol-Myers Squibb]

[Other labeling changes not appearing in 2000 PDR: Oct99, Dec99]

Labeling provides for use as a 3-hour infusion of Taxol (paclitaxel) Injection given every 3 weeks at a dose of 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> followed by cisplatin at a dose of 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for the first-line treatment of advanced ovarian cancer. Contact the company for a copy of the new labeling/package insert.

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**TICLID (ticlopidine) Tablets**  
[June 14, 2000: Hoffmann-La Roche]

**BOXED WARNING:**

First paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

"WARNING: Ticlid can cause life-threatening hematological adverse reactions, including neutropenia/agranulocytosis, ["and" deleted] thrombocytopenia purpura (TTP) *and aplastic anemia*."

New fourth paragraph -

" *Aplastic Anemia*: Aplastic anemia was not seen during clinical trials, but US physicians reported about 50 cases between 1992 and 1998. Based on an estimated patient exposure of 2 million to 4 million, and assuming an event reporting rate of 10% (the true rate is not known), the incidence of ticlopidine-associated aplastic anemia may be as high as one case in every 4000 to 8000 patients exposed."

Fifth paragraph (new text in italics) -

"Monitoring of Clinical and Hematologic Status: Severe hematological adverse reactions may occur within a few days of the start of therapy. The incidence of TTP peaks after about 3 to 4 weeks of therapy and neutropenia peaks at approximately 4 to 6 weeks ["with both declining thereafter" deleted]. *The incidence of aplastic anemia peaks after about 4 to 8 weeks of therapy. The incidence of the hematologic adverse reactions declines thereafter.* Only a few cases of neutropenia, TTP, or aplastic anemia have arisen after more than 3 months of ["treatment" deleted] therapy."

#### INDICATIONS AND USAGE:

Second paragraph (new text in italics) -

"Because Ticlid is associated with a risk of life-threatening blood dyscrasias including thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP), ["and" deleted] neutropenia/agranulocytosis *and aplastic anemia* (see BOXED WARNING and WARNINGS), Ticlid should be reserved for patients who are intolerant or allergic to aspirin therapy or who have failed aspirin therapy."

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Second bullet revised (new text in italics) -

"• Presence of hematopoietic disorders such as neutropenia and thrombocytopenia or a past history of *either TTP or aplastic anemia*"

#### WARNINGS:

**Hematological Adverse Reactions:** Second sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Bone-marrow examination typically shows a reduction in ["myeloid" deleted] *white blood cell* precursors."

*Aplastic Anemia:* New subsection -

"Aplastic anemia is characterized by anemia, thrombocytopenia and neutropenia together with a bone marrow examination that shows decreases in the precursor cells for red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets. Patients may present with signs or symptoms suggestive of infection, in association with low white blood cell and platelet counts. **Prompt** treatment, which may include the use of drugs to stimulate the bone marrow, can minimize the mortality associated with aplastic anemia."

*Monitoring for Hematologic Adverse Reactions:* Second paragraph, first sentence revised (new text in italics) -



"Clinically, fever might suggest ["either" deleted] neutropenia, ["or" deleted], TTP, *or aplastic anemia*; TTP might also be suggested by weakness, pallor, petechiae or purpura, dark urine (due to blood, bile pigments, or hemoglobin) or jaundice, or neurological changes."

Third paragraph; second, fifth sentences revised (new text in italics), new fourth sentence (in italics) -

"Ticlopidine is occasionally associated with thrombocytopenia unrelated to TTP *or aplastic anemia*."

*"A simultaneous decrease in platelet count and WBC count should prompt further investigation for a diagnosis of aplastic anemia."*

"If there are laboratory signs of TTP, or if the neutrophil count is confirmed to be  $< 1200/\text{mm}^3$ , then ["the drug" deleted] *Ticlid* should be discontinued *immediately*."

**Other Hematological Effects:** First sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Rare cases of agranulocytosis, pancytopenia, or ["aplastic anemia" deleted] *leukemia* have been reported in postmarketing experience, some of which have been fatal."

#### PRECAUTIONS:

**Laboratory Tests:** *Liver Function:* First sentence revised (new text in italics) -

"Ticlid therapy has been associated with elevations of alkaline phosphatase, *bilirubin*, and transaminases, which generally occurred within 1 to 4 months of therapy initiation."

Second paragraph revised (new text in italics) -

*Postmarketing experience includes rare individuals with elevations in their transaminases and bilirubin to  $> 10X$  above the upper limits of normal. Based on postmarketing and clinical trial experience, liver function testing, including ["SGPT and GGTP" deleted] *ALT, AST, and GGT*, should be considered whenever liver dysfunction is suspected, particularly during the first 4 months of treatment."*

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS:

**Hematological:** (new text in italics) -

"Neutropenia/thrombocytopenia, TTP, *aplastic anemia*, (see BOXED WARNING and WARNINGS), *leukemia*, agranulocytosis, eosinophilia, pancytopenia, thrombocytosis and bone-marrow depression have been reported."

**Less Frequent Adverse Reactions (Probably Related):** Paragraph at end of subsection revised (new text in italics)-

"In addition, rarer, relatively serious *and potentially fatal* events associated with the use of *Ticlid* have also been reported from postmarketing experience: Hemolytic anemia with reticulocytosis, ["aplastic anemia" deleted], immune thrombocytopenia, hepatitis, hepatocellular jaundice, cholestatic jaundice, hepatic necrosis, *hepatic failure*, peptic ulcer, renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, hyponatremia, vasculitis, sepsis, *allergic reactions (including angioedema, allergic*

pneumonitis, *and anaphylaxis*), systemic lupus (positive ANA), peripheral neuropathy, serum sickness, arthropathy and myositis."

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TICLID (ticlopidine HCl) TABLETS:**

#### **Special Warning for Users of TICLID/Necessary Blood Tests:**

Two new paragraphs added to end of subsection -

"Rarely, decreases in the white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets can occur together. This condition is called aplastic anemia and can be fatal.

"Things you should watch for as possible early signs of aplastic anemia are feeling of excessive weakness and tiredness, paleness, bruising, and bleeding from areas such as your nose or gums. You may also develop signs of infection such as fever. If any of these occur, contact your doctor immediately."

**Other Warnings and Precautions:** Second paragraph (new text in italics) -

"If any of the symptoms described above for neutropenia, TTP, *aplastic anemia* or jaundice occur, contact your doctor immediately."

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### **TONOCARD (tocainide HCl) Tablets** **[June 2, 2000: Astra]**

#### **HOW SUPPLIED:**

**Storage:** Text deleted -

"Store below 40°C (104°F), preferably between 15°C and 30°C (59°F and 86°F). Store in a well-closed container."

Replaced with -

"Store at 25°C (77°F): excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Keep container tightly closed."

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### **UREAPHIL (sterile urea) Injection** **[June 6, 2000: Abbott]**

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

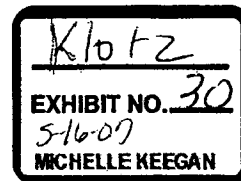
**Geriatric Use:** New subsection -

# **KLOTZ DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 30**

## **D'S EXHIBIT H**

## REVIEW ARTICLE

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**QT-interval prolongation by non-cardiac drugs:  
lessons to be learned from recent experience**

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**Abstract Background:** Evidence has accrued that several non-cardiac drugs may prolong cardiac repolarisation (hence, the QT interval of the surface electrocardiogram) to such a degree that potentially life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias (e.g. torsades de pointes) may occur, especially in case of overdosage or pharmacokinetic interactions.

**Discussion:** This has fostered discussion on the molecular mechanisms underlying the class-III anti-arrhythmic effect shared by apparently disparate classes of drugs, on the clinical relevance of this side effect and on possible guidelines to be followed by drug companies, ethics committees and regulatory agencies in the risk-benefit assessment of new and licensed drugs. This review provides an update on the different classes of non-cardiac drugs reported to prolong the QT interval (e.g. histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonists, antipsychotics, antidepressants and macrolides), on the possible underlying molecular mechanisms and on the clinical relevance of the QT prolonging effect. Identification and widespread knowledge of risk factors that may precipitate prolongation of the QT interval into life-threatening arrhythmias becomes an important issue. Risk factors include congenital long QT syndrome, clinically significant bradycardia or heart disease, electrolyte imbalance (especially hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia), impaired hepatic/renal function and concomitant treatment with other drugs with known potential for pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic interactions (e.g. azole antifungals, macrolide antibacterials and class-I or -III anti-arrhythmic agents). Future perspectives for drug research and development are also briefly outlined.

**Key words** Adverse drug reactions · QT interval · Cardiac arrhythmias

**Introduction**

Since the mid 1980s, evidence has accrued that several classes of non-cardiac drugs may significantly prolong the QT interval of the surface electrocardiogram (ECG) and have cardiotoxic potential (risk of life-threatening arrhythmias). In the 1960s and 1970s, reports already existed on the cardiotoxicity of some drug classes, such as anti-psychotics and first-generation histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonists (for references, see Zhang [1] and Kitayama et al. [2]), but these remained mostly confined to the specialised literature, and the ability of non-cardiac drugs to prolong the QT interval was usually considered as a pharmacological "curiosity" of uncertain clinical significance and the molecular mechanisms remained obscure.

Several reasons have fuelled interest on the QT-prolonging potential of non-cardiac drugs. Firstly, drug-induced lengthening of the QT interval (stemming from a drug's ability to prolong the cardiac action potential duration) has been associated with the occurrence of ventricular tachyarrhythmias, namely *torsades de pointes*, a polymorphous ventricular arrhythmia that may cause syncope and degenerate into ventricular fibrillation [3]. Secondly, there is an ongoing debate in the literature [4] on the clinical significance of a prolonged QT interval, which has been found to be a risk factor for sudden death due to cardiac arrest [5] and also for all-cause mortality [6, 7]. Thirdly, several apparently chemically unrelated classes of drugs have been implicated in prolongation of the QT interval, and pharmacologists have been challenged by the question whether this is a class effect (e.g. shared by all agents of a given pharmacological class such as antihistamines) or a specific effect of a few agents within a pharmacological class. Finally, several interventions by regulatory agencies and/or drug companies (Table 1) have fostered

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**Table 1** Examples of interventions on non-cardiac drugs with QT prolonging potential

	USA	Europe
Terodiline	–	Withdrawn after reports of cases of torsades de pointes (1991)
Terfenadine	Proposal to withdraw (January 1997) <sup>a</sup> Drug labelling changes: new warnings (September 1997) <sup>b</sup> Withdrawn after approval of fexofenadine (December 1997) <sup>c</sup>	120-mg Tablets withdrawn from EU market (November 1997) <sup>d</sup> 60-mg and 30-mg tablets and 6-mg/ml oral suspension maintained (February 1998) <sup>e</sup>
Cisapride	Drug labelling change: new warnings (1998) <sup>f</sup>	Drug labelling change: new warnings (1998) <sup>g</sup>
Sertindole	Recommended for approval, but not licensed (1996) <sup>h</sup>	Precautionally withdrawn from EU market pending EMEA judgement (1998) <sup>i</sup>
Astemizole	Withdrawn by the manufacturer (1999)	Withdrawn by the manufacturer (1999)
Grepafloxacin	Withdrawn by the manufacturer (1999)	Withdrawn by the manufacturer (1999)

<sup>a</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/1997/seldan.htm><sup>b</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/ANS00823.html><sup>c</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/ANS00843.html><sup>d</sup> <http://www.eudra.org/humandocs/PDFs/PhV/EN/100097en.pdf><sup>e</sup> <http://www.eudra.org/humandocs/PDFs/PhV/EN/025598en.pdf><sup>f</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/1998/propul.htm><sup>g</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/oc/oms/ofm/budget/fooddrugstat.htm><sup>h</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/cder/da/da1096.htm><sup>i</sup> <http://www.open.gov.uk/mca/csm/serdolect.htm>

discussion on the impact of QT-prolonging effects on drug development and on whether a more carefully focussed drug-development program could have prevented some of the reported fatal adverse reaction. This dilemma is not easily solved, since, although prolongation of the QT interval by non-cardiac drugs is not an unusual finding, potentially fatal arrhythmias, such as torsades de pointes, are uncommon and are unlikely to occur during the course of phase I–III studies, when relatively small numbers of subjects are exposed to the investigational drug. However, when we analyse some of the initial case reports of drug-induced life-threatening arrhythmias with hindsight, it is clear that several of these adverse reactions would have been preventable, had the potential for pharmacokinetic interactions (e.g. with CYP3A4 isoenzyme inhibitors) been known at that time.

The aim of this review is to provide an updated overview of different classes of compounds that are not intended for cardiac use and have been reported to prolong the QT interval, to outline possible pharmacodynamic/pharmacokinetic mechanisms and to consider this information from a clinical and regulatory perspective.

### Classes of drugs and mechanisms underlying QT prolongation

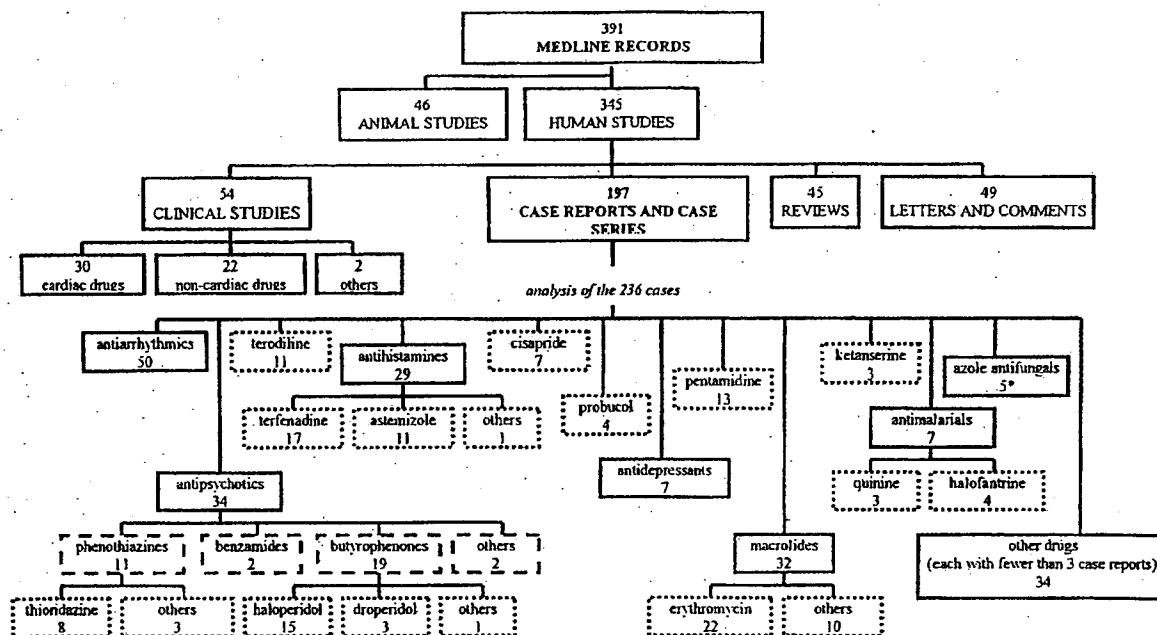
Through a Medline search for literature published from 1985 through 1998 using the MESH terms “long-QT syndrome – chemically induced” or “torsades-de-pointes – chemically induced”, we retrieved 391 records. This approach was used as a starting point to obtain an overview of the drugs associated with a prolonged QT interval (Fig. 1), although it certainly underestimates the real number of publications dealing with drug-induced prolongation of the QT interval. The 391 Medline

records were classified as indicated in Fig. 1, and the 197 case reports/case series (for a total number of 236 cases) were analysed by identifying the drugs/drug classes associated with prolongation of the QT interval/occurrence of torsades de pointes. Apart from anti-arrhythmics, the largest numbers of cases within single classes refer to anti-psychotics, histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonists and macrolides.

With such a diverse spectrum of molecules, the pharmacologist is challenged by questions on the molecular mechanism(s) underlying prolongation of the QT interval by apparently unrelated molecules. Table 2 provides a synopsis of different classes of drugs with QT-prolonging potential and possible mechanisms of class-III anti-arrhythmic action.

Since the QT interval is the summation of the duration of ventricular depolarisation and repolarisation, it is thought to reflect individual action potential duration in cardiac myocytes. Cardiac action potential duration is in turn controlled by a delicate balance between inward and outward currents in the plateau repolarisation phase. Since outward K<sup>+</sup> currents, especially the delayed rectifier repolarising current, I<sub>K</sub> (which is the sum of two kinetically and pharmacologically distinct types of K<sup>+</sup> currents: a rapid I<sub>Kr</sub> and a slow I<sub>Ks</sub> component), are thought to play an important role during plateau repolarisation and in determining the configuration of the action potential, small changes in conductance can significantly alter the effective refractory period, hence the action potential duration.

Several studies support the notion that the basic mechanism by which most of the drugs listed in Table 2 prolong the QT interval can be related to blockade of potassium currents. Drugs such as amiodarone and d-sotalol exert their class-III anti-arrhythmic properties through this mechanism. In particular, d-sotalol fully blocks the rapid component of I<sub>K</sub> (I<sub>Kr</sub>) at concentrations that have no effect on I<sub>Ks</sub>. Several of the drugs



\*all cases involved an association with H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonists

Fig. 1 Records obtained through a Medline search for literature published from 1985 to 1998, using the MESH terms "long-QT-syndrome - chemically-induced" or "torsades-de-pointes - chemically induced". The search retrieved 391 records: 345 refer to humans and 197 are case reports or case series. The latter include a total number of 236 cases, which were analysed by identifying the compounds associated with prolongation of the QT interval/occurrence of torsades de pointes. Numbers below a drug/drug class refer to the number of the reported cases

reported to significantly prolong the QT interval in a clinical setting (such as terfenadine, astemizole and i.v. macrolides) were shown to inhibit the rapid component of the delayed rectifier K<sup>+</sup> current (I<sub>Kr</sub>) in electrophysiological studies and to block potassium channels encoded by the human ether-à-go-go-related gene (HERG) (see Table 2 and Table 3 for references). Although I<sub>Kr</sub> is the most extensively studied, action on other potassium currents (e.g. the transient outward current I<sub>to</sub>, the ultrarapidly activating delayed rectifier current I<sub>Kur</sub> and the inward rectifier I<sub>K1</sub> current) may account for a prolongation of the action potential duration. Several reviews on cardiac potassium channels and on gene(s)/gene product(s) thought to be responsible for a given current are available [8, 9, 10]. At present, the role of different currents in shaping the cardiac action potential in health and disease is a matter of extensive investigations, and the clinical application of basic knowledge on ionic currents is still in its infancy. The overall relevance of a given current may depend on the type of ion channels expressed in different parts of the heart (e.g. atrium vs ventricle), on the species and on the pathophysiological condition (low vs high heart rate; ischaemic vs normal myocardium).

### Structure-activity relationships for QT-prolonging effect

It may seem surprising that, at present, our knowledge on structure-activity relationships for class-III anti-arrhythmic activity is still rather fragmentary. This stems in part from the fact that class-III activity of a compound was traditionally evaluated by assessing the prolongation of the action potential duration (e.g. at 50% and 90% of repolarisation, referred to as APD<sub>50</sub> and APD<sub>90</sub>, respectively), an approach that does not take into due account the possible contribution of different currents during repolarisation and therefore may classify drugs with pharmacologically distinct properties as belonging to the same group.

A few years ago, Morgan and Sullivan [11] published one of the most extensive reviews on structure-activity relationships for class-III anti-arrhythmic drugs and proposed the structural requirements for a class-III pharmacophore (Fig. 2): a *para*-substituted phenyl ring connected to a basic nitrogen via a highly variable linking chain. From a quick overview of the molecular structures of the compounds reported to prolong the QT interval and block HERG K<sup>+</sup> channels, it emerges that some molecules (e.g. terfenadine and astemizole) indeed satisfy the criteria to display class-III properties, whereas the class-III pharmacophore proposed by Morgan and Sullivan is not easily identifiable in other compounds (e.g. probucol and erythromycin). Of course, the possibility remains that a closer analysis might reveal that, in some cases, metabolites and not the parent compound are responsible for class-III



Table 2. Classes of drugs with QT-prolonging potential and possible mechanism(s) of action<sup>a</sup>

	Dose associated with QTc increase ( $\Delta$ QTc recorded) <sup>b</sup>	Population	Reference	Possible mechanism(s) of action and additional information	Reference
Anti-psychotics					
Anti-psychotic medication	Long-term conventional doses (mean QTc 447 vs 417, treated vs untreated patients)	Patients with schizophrenia without cardiac disease	[2]	Prolonged QTc interval and QTc dispersion not associated with increased risk of ventricular tachyarrhythmia	[2]
	> 4-week treatment with > 2,000 mg chlorpromazine equivalents daily (odd ratio for prolonged QTc interval = 4.28)	In-patients	[36]	Several anti-psychotics exert class-III anti-arrhythmic effects at micromolar concentrations in vitro	[37, 38]
Thioridazine	50-mg single oral dose (22 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[39]		
	500 mg	Overdosage	[40]		
Chlorpromazine	100 mg daily	Case report	[41]		
Haloperidol	4 mg per os	Case report	[42]	Inhibition of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels (both haloperidol and its reduced metabolite)	[48]
	50 mg per os daily	Case report	[43]		
	> 50 mg i.v. (haloperidol or droperidol) (~25%)	Critically ill patients	[44, 45]		
	80 mg i.v. (total dosage 915 mg over 7 days) (184 ms)	Case report	[46]		
	> 100 mg i.v. over 24 hours (~200 ms)	Critically ill patients	[47]		
Droperidol	0.1 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> i.v. (37 ms)	Surgical patients	[49]		
Pimozide	6 mg orally (13.3 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[50]		
Sertindole	8–20 mg daily (~19 ms)	Patients in clinical trial	[51]	Inhibition of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels (IC <sub>50</sub> = 14 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> )	[52]
Anti-depressants					
Desipramine	2.5 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (40 ms)	Case report	[53]	Micromolar concentrations of imipramine (which is metabolised to desipramine) inhibit I <sub>Kr</sub>	[54, 55]
Nortriptyline	0.51 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (46 ms)	Case report	[56]		
Amitriptyline	No significant $\Delta$ QTc with 150–200 mg daily	Patients in clinical trial	[57]	Inhibition of heterologously expressed HERG potassium channels (micromolar concentrations)	[54]
Doxepin	Mean dose: 169 mg daily (22 ms)	Patients in clinical trial	[58]		
Fluoxetine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to a mean dose of 37 mg daily	Patients in clinical trial	[58]	Fluoxetine and its main metabolite norfluoxetine are CYP2D6 and 3A4 isoenzyme inhibitors	[51]
	No significant $\Delta$ QTc with 60–80 mg daily	Patients in clinical trial	[57]		
Anti-histamines					
Terfenadine	See Table 3			I <sub>Kr</sub> inhibition via blockade of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels	[59, 60, 61, 62]
				Kv1.5 inhibition (10-fold lower activity); at higher concentrations: I <sub>Na</sub> , I <sub>Ca</sub> , I <sub>Ks</sub> , I <sub>K1</sub> , I <sub>to</sub> and I <sub>K,ATP</sub> inhibition	[59, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69]
				No significant difference in antihistamine activity and Kv1.5 inhibition between terfenadine enantiomers	[70, 71]
Astemizole	See Table 3			I <sub>Kr</sub> inhibition (both astemizole and desmethylastemizole); I <sub>K1</sub> , I <sub>to</sub> inhibition	[24, 68, 72]
Mizolastine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to 40 mg daily	Healthy volunteers	[73]		

Fexofenadine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to 240 mg daily for 12 months 180 mg daily (from 10 to 38 ms depending on the formula used to correct QT value)	Healthy volunteers and patients with allergic rhinitis Case report in susceptible patient	[74] [75, 76]	Metabolite of terfenadine, considered free of arrhythmic potential	[59]
Loratadine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to 10 mg daily combined with 500 mg erythromycin	Healthy volunteers	[77]	Virtually inactive on HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels in non-human models and/or at room temperature Inhibition of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels in HEK 293 cells ( $IC_{50} = 173 \text{ nmol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ ) at a pacing rate of 0.1 Hz and 37 °C Kv1.5 inhibition; $I_{Kr}$ inhibition in human atrium especially at 1–2 Hz pacing rate (relevance for rare cases of supraventricular arrhythmias?)	[78, 79] [62] [80]
Cetirizine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to 60 mg daily	Healthy volunteers	[81]	No effect on HERG K <sup>+</sup> channel up to 30 $\mu\text{M}$ $I_{Kr}$ inhibition only at high concentration	[79] [82]
Macrolides					
Erythromycin	500 mg i.v. infusion (20 ms) Mean dose: 42 $\text{mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ daily i.v. (51 ms)	Patients with pneumonia Retrospective study on all inpatients	[83] [84]	CYP3A4 isoenzyme inhibitor $I_{Kr}$ inhibition and, at higher doses, $I_{Na}$ inhibition	[88] [89]
Spiramycin	500–1,000 mg q.i.d. i.v. (220–278 ms) 500–1,000 mg i.v. over 55–90 min (31 ms) 350,000 IU $\text{kg}^{-1}$ daily (36 ms) orally 700,000 IU b.i.d. (135 ms) orally	Case reports Critically ill patients Newborns	[85, 86] [87] [90]	No effect on CYP3A4 isoenzyme	[92]
Clarithromycin	500 mg b.i.d. orally (3 ms) 500 mg b.i.d. orally (240 and 355 ms)	Newborn Healthy volunteers 2 Critically ill patients (cor pulmonale, liver failure, renal failure)	[91] [93] [94]	CYP3A4 isoenzyme inhibitor	
Anti-malarials				QTc changes may be associated with <i>falciparum</i> malaria independently of antimalarial therapy	[95]
Halofantrine	1000 mg daily ( $\Delta$ QT ~ 80 ms)	Case report	[96]	The increase in QTc is dose-dependent and treatment with mefloquine during the previous month increases the slope of the halofantrine dose-response curve	[97]
Quinine	No significant $\Delta$ QTc up to 1800 mg daily (in a twice-daily oral dosing regimen)  600 mg i.v. t.i.d. (80 ms) 8.3 $\text{mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ i.v. t.i.d. (41 ms) 10 $\text{mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ i.v. infusion ( $\Delta$ QTc $\leq 25\%$ )	Patients with arrhythmia  Patients with <i>falciparum</i> malaria Case in a clinical trial Healthy volunteers and patients with hepatitis	[98]  [99] [100] [101]	The stereoisomer quinidine is a class-IA anti-arrhythmic endowed also with class-III properties	[102, 103]
Artemisinin and derivatives	Different regimens of artemisinin derivatives (prolonged QT values in 1.2% of 2638 patients) No significant $\Delta$ QTc after a single oral dose of 100 mg artemether	Retrospective review of published and unpublished trials Healthy volunteers	[104] [105]		



Table 2 (Contd.)

	Dose associated with QTc increase (ΔQTc recorded) <sup>b</sup>	Population	Reference	Possible mechanism(s) of action and additional information	Reference
	i.m. Artemether (4 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> followed by 2 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> every 8 h for 72 h) vs i.m. quinine (20 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> followed by 10 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> every 8 h for 72 h): QT > 500 ms in 25% and 45% of patients, respectively	Patients with severe malaria	[106]		
Quinolones					
Gatifloxacin	200–800 mg (~ 3 ms)	[Data from the summary of the product characteristics]			
Grepafloxacin	600 mg daily (~ 2 ms)	Elderly subjects	[107]		
Levofloxacin	500 mg once daily (127 ms)	Case report (elderly woman with atrial fibrillation)	[108]		
Moxifloxacin	400 mg (6 ms)	[Data from the summary of the product characteristics]		Threshold concentration for class-III anti-arrhythmic effect: ~50 μmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	[109]
Sparfloxacin	200–400 mg single oral dose (4%)	Healthy volunteers	[110]	Increases in QTc are dose-related	[112]
	300–400 mg daily after loading dose (20–30 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[32]	Class-III anti-arrhythmic effects in vitro at concentrations ≥10 μmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	[113]
	200 mg daily for 10 days after loading dose (~10 ms)	Patients in phase-III trial	[111]		
Miscellanea					
Cisapride	10 mg q.i.d. (6 ms cisapride alone vs 25–26 ms if combined with clarithromycin)	Healthy volunteers	[93]	I <sub>Kr</sub> inhibition via blockade of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channel (IC <sub>50</sub> = 6.5–44.5 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> )	[119, 120, 121, 122]
	Mean dose: 0.67 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (10 ms)	Paediatric patients	[114]		
	Mean dose: 0.78 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (31 ms)	Infants < 3 months of age	[115]		
	Mean dose: 0.81 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (15.5 ms)	Paediatric patients	[116]		
	Mean dose: 0.84 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (23 ms)	Newborns	[117]		
	Mean dose: 1.31 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (74 ms)	Paediatric patients	[118]		
Glibenclamide	1.25–5 mg daily (11.4 ms)	Patients with type-2 diabetes mellitus compared with patients on diet only (but with lower prevalence of diabetic complications)	[123]	Autonomic neuropathy may per se prolong the QT interval Inhibition of I <sub>to</sub> ; blockade of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels (IC <sub>50</sub> = 74 μmol·l <sup>-1</sup> , i.e. above therapeutic concentrations)	[124, 125]
Ketanserin	40 mg daily (~130 ms)	Elderly patient	[126]	Class-III anti-arrhythmic effect (micromolar concentrations)	[129]
	40 mg b.i.d. (> 30 ms)	30% of patients in a clinical trial	[127]		
	40–80 mg daily (58 ms)	Six patients analysed retrospectively	[128]		
Ketoconazole	400 mg daily (5–10% increase in QTc in ~20% of 55 subjects)	Healthy volunteers	[130]	CYP3A4 inhibitor	
	200 mg b.i.d. orally (5.5 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[131]	I <sub>Kr</sub> inhibition via blockade of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels (IC <sub>50</sub> = 49 μmol·l <sup>-1</sup> ) In animal models, high doses of ketoconazole may mask the QT prolonging effect of H <sub>1</sub> -receptor antagonists	[132] [133]
Pentamidine	4 mg·kg <sup>-1</sup> daily (120 ms)	HIV-infected patients	[134]		

Probucol	500 mg daily (13 ms)	Patients with hyperlipoproteinaemia	[135]		
	1000 mg daily (22 ms)	Patients with hypercholesterolaemia	[136]		
	Mean: 631 mg daily (45 ms)	Patients with hypercholesterolaemia	[137]		
	500 mg b.i.d. (160 ms)	Case report	[138]		
Tacrolimus (FK506)	500-1000 mg daily (QTc values $\geq 470$ ms in 8% of women and 2% of men)	Retrospective review of published reports	[139]		
	2.5 mg i.v. b.i.d. (138 ms)	Case report (baseline QTc > 450 ms)	[140]	I <sub>to</sub> and I <sub>K</sub> inhibition	[144]
	Dose not reported (52 ms)	Case report (concurrent treatment with digoxin)	[141, 142]		
Tamoxifen	0.25 mg·h <sup>-1</sup> i.v. (300 ms)	Case report	[143]		
	100 mg·m <sup>-2</sup> b.i.d. per os	2 Children in phase I study of high dose tamoxifen for refractory malignant gliomas	[145]	I <sub>Kr</sub> and I <sub>Ca</sub> inhibition (micromolar concentrations); concentrations causing sub-maximal inhibition of I <sub>Kr</sub> have no significant effect on action potential duration	[147]
	$\geq 80$ mg·m <sup>-2</sup> b.i.d. per os (10-20%)	Chemotherapy phase-I study in adult patients (combined with vinblastine)	[146]		
Terodiline	12.5 - 25 mg b.i.d. (20-300 ms)	Case series	[148]	I <sub>Kr</sub> inhibition, I <sub>Ks</sub> inhibition (20-fold lower activity than on I <sub>Kr</sub> ); I <sub>K1</sub> inhibition	[151, 152, 153]
	12.5 mg b.i.d. (15 ms)	Elderly patients	[149]	I <sub>Ca-L</sub> inhibition and V <sub>max</sub> reduction	[154]
	200 mg single dose (23 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[150]	R(+) enantiomer seems to be responsible for increased QTc	[150]

<sup>a</sup> The table includes some compounds that have been tested for their QT-prolonging potential, although they were found to have no effect on the QT interval at therapeutically effective doses

<sup>b</sup> ΔQTc (expressed in ms or as percentage variation) is provided where available: results from different studies may not be comparable because of different formulas used to correct the QT value

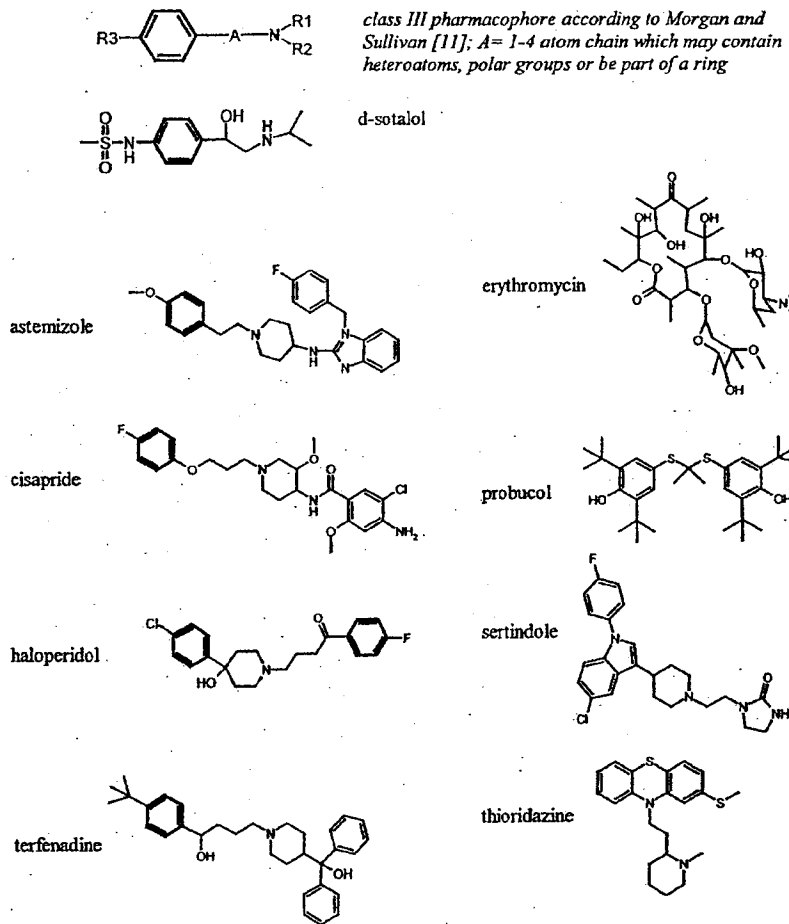
Table 3 Synopsis of pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic parameters in relation to the QT-prolonging potential of terfenadine and astemizole

	Terfenadine			Astemizole		
Dose associated with QTc increase ( $\Delta$ QTc recorded)	60 mg b.i.d. (6–12 ms) 180 mg b.i.d. (19–26 ms)	Human subjects (healthy volunteers and patients with cardiovascular disease)	[155]	10 mg daily (86 ms)	Case report	[162]
				10 mg t.i.d. combined with erythromycin 250 mg q.i.d. (230 ms)	Case report	[163]
	60 mg b.i.d. combined with erythromycin 500 mg t.i.d. (64 ms)	Healthy volunteers (poor metabolisers)	[156]	10–20 mg daily combined with ketoconazole 50 mg daily (150 ms)	Case report	[164]
	60 mg b.i.d. combined with ketoconazole 200 mg b.i.d. (226 ms)	Case report	[157]			
	120 mg daily combined with ketoconazole 200 mg (100 ms)	Case report	[158]			
	60 mg b.i.d. combined with ketoconazole 200 mg b.i.d. (82 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[159]			
	120 mg daily combined with itraconazole 200 mg daily (41 ms)	Healthy volunteers	[160]			
	60 mg b.i.d. combined with grapefruit juice (19 ms)	Healthy volunteers (poor metabolisers)	[161]			
Concentration causing prolongation of action potential duration	10–30 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Guinea pig ventricular myocytes	[60]	0.3–1.0 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Guinea pig ventricular myocytes	[60]
Inhibition of I <sub>Kr</sub> (IC <sub>50</sub> )	50 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Guinea pig ventricular myocytes	[60]	> 100 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> 1.5 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Rabbit purkinje fibres Guinea pig ventricular myocytes	[165] [60]
Inhibition of HERG K <sup>+</sup> channels (IC <sub>50</sub> )	96 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> 180 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> 56.0 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Rabbit ventricular myocytes Cat ventricular myocytes Expressed in mouse L cells	[82] [166] [119]	48 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Expressed in <i>Xenopus laevis</i> frog oocytes	[61]
	250–350 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Expressed in <i>Xenopus laevis</i> frog oocytes	[61, 79, 167]	0.9 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Expressed in HEK 293 cells	[24]
Inhibition of I <sub>Ks</sub> (IC <sub>50</sub> )	204 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> ~10,000 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	Expressed in HEK 293 cells Guinea pig ventricular myocytes	[62] [168]	No effect		[60]
Plasma concentration achieved at therapeutic doses (60–120 mg daily for terfenadine and 10 mg daily for astemizole)	Parent terfenadine usually undetectable (< 11 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> )		[169]	Steady-state concentration: 0.28 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> (astemizole) ~11 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> (astemizole + desmethyastemizole)		[170]
	Peak concentration in poor metabolisers: 17 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>		[161]			

Peak plasma concentrations reported during concomitant administration of CYP3A4 inhibitors (concentrations refer to the parent compound unless otherwise specified)	42 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With erythromycin in healthy volunteers (3 of 9 subjects)	[156]	1.8 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With itraconazole in healthy volunteers	[176]
	16 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With erythromycin in healthy volunteers (3 of 6 subjects)	[171]	0.9 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> (desmethylastemizole)	With itraconazole in healthy volunteers	[176]
	19 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With clarithromycin in healthy volunteers (4 of 6 subjects)	[171]			
	121 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With ketoconazole in case report	[157]			
	~53–170 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With ketoconazole in healthy volunteers (5 of 6 subjects)	[159]			
	59–204 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup> (peak?)	With itraconazole in 2 case reports	[172, 173]			
	21–42 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With itraconazole in healthy volunteers	[160]			
	15–25 nmol·l <sup>-1</sup>	With grapefruit juice in healthy volunteers	[161, 174, 175]			
% Plasma protein binding	97		[177]	97		[178]
Volume of distribution	Not reported		[178]	~45 l·kg <sup>-1</sup>		[170]
Main metabolites	Fexofenadine (MDL 16455; terfenadine carboxylate); H <sub>1</sub> -receptor antagonist with no effect on QT interval			Desmethylastemizole (same activity as parent compound as H <sub>1</sub> -receptor antagonist and HERG K <sup>+</sup> channel blocker with an apparent elimination half-life of 9.5 days), norastemizole, 6-hydroxy-desmethylastemizole		[24, 170]
Relative risk (adjusted for age and gender) for ventricular arrhythmias (non use = 1; case control analysis)	2.0		[27]	17.8		[27]

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Fig. 2 Molecular structures of some drugs associated with QT-prolongation or torsades de pointes in relation to the pharmacophore proposed to carry class-III antiarrhythmic properties by Morgan and Sullivan [11]. On the left, examples of drugs in which this pharmacophore (a phenyl ring connected to a basic nitrogen via a linking chain) can be recognised. On the right, examples of drugs with reported QT-prolonging potential in which this pharmacophore is not easily identifiable



effects or that currents other than HERG-related  $K^+$  currents are responsible for QT-interval prolongation and/or occurrence of life-threatening arrhythmias. In addition, lipophilicity and/or bulkiness of substitutions on the molecular structure may be crucial parameters conferring varying degrees of  $K^+$ -channel-blocking activity. For instance, terfenadine carboxylate (fexofenadine), the main metabolite of terfenadine, is a more polar compound having virtually no effects on QTc, apart from an isolated report in a susceptible patient (Table 2).

In any case, an important acquisition of the past decade is that cardiac adverse effects are not necessarily an intrinsic class effect: in the case of  $H_1$ -receptor antagonists [1], there is no correlation between the antihistaminic potency and the action potential prolonging effect. Likewise, as regards gastrointestinal prokinetic agents (in particular, 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptor agonists), several lines of evidence suggest that blockade of HERG  $K^+$  channels rather than stimulation of atrial 5-HT<sub>4</sub> receptors is responsible for QT prolongation [12, 13].

#### Interpretation of data from preclinical/in vitro studies

The role of preclinical screening methods is highly debated, because of the inherent differences between animal models and humans. However, a recent review [14] shows that, if properly conducted, in vitro and in vivo assessment of class-III properties of an investigational drug provides useful information and suggests that either method alone may be sufficient for the preclinical evaluation of the QT-prolonging potential. Several laboratories are indeed refining methods to study this aspect in animal models [15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21]. Although in vitro electrophysiological studies offer valuable information on arrhythmogenic mechanism(s), it should be kept in mind that proving that a drug has no effect on HERG-related currents does not automatically rule out the possibility of a clinically significant prolongation of the QT interval or the risk of potentially harmful arrhythmias. By contrast, detection of an effect on potassium channels does not invariably raise serious QT-related concerns on the clinical use of the

compound. For instance, the 5-HT<sub>3</sub>-receptor antagonist ondansetron prolongs action potential duration by blocking I<sub>K</sub> with a K<sub>D</sub> of 1.7 µM in feline ventricular myocytes [22] and prolongs the QTc interval in dogs at doses of 2.63 mg·kg<sup>-1</sup> i.v. or more [23]. However, present clinical experience and the fact that concentrations blocking I<sub>K</sub> are well above concentrations at which 5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptors are inhibited do not suggest a significant cardiotoxic potential.

A major problem in interpreting results obtained in preclinical/in vitro electrophysiological studies (IC<sub>50</sub> for inhibition of K<sup>+</sup> currents, IC<sub>50</sub> for prolongation of action potential duration, etc.) is that a careful scrutiny of the pharmacokinetic properties of the compound is mandatory to allow meaningful comparisons between in vitro and plasma concentrations. Plasma concentrations in humans should be considered along with the apparent volume of distribution, the metabolic pathways (metabolites may retain QT prolonging potential, be even more active, or be devoid of such an effect), and the mode of elimination. The threshold concentration (or the IC<sub>50</sub>) for a class-III effect in vitro may be higher than peak plasma concentrations achieved at therapeutic doses, but tissue concentrations (specifically, cardiac tissue concentrations) may exceed those found in plasma if the drug has a large volume of distribution. One example is provided by the comparison of pharmacodynamic/pharmacokinetic parameters of terfenadine and astemizole reported in Table 3. Terfenadine is readily metabolised to fexofenadine, which maintains good H<sub>1</sub>-receptor blocking activity, but has no effect on the QT interval even at doses well above the therapeutic ones. Unmetabolised terfenadine plasma concentrations are usually below detection limits (5 ng·ml<sup>-1</sup> or 11 nmol·l<sup>-1</sup>, in most studies), but may become detectable in case of pharmacokinetic interactions with drugs known to inhibit the CYP3A4 isoenzyme, in case of overdosage or concomitant hepatic disease. On the contrary, two of the main metabolites of astemizole (desmethylastemizole and norastemizole) retain the ability to block HERG K<sup>+</sup> currents at nanomolar concentrations [24]. In addition, the large volume of

distribution of astemizole (indicating extensive tissue penetration: indeed, the concentration in cardiac muscle is estimated to be more than 100 times as high as the plasma concentration [25, 26]) and the long elimination half-life of desmethylastemizole (about 9.5 days) suggest a higher risk of potentially harmful effects on cardiac repolarisation with astemizole than with terfenadine. This prediction based on pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic data is in good agreement with a recent case-control study, which calculated that the relative risk of ventricular arrhythmias (adjusted for age and gender) was 2.0 for terfenadine and 17.8 for astemizole (non-use = 1) [27].

### Clinical relevance

Although asymptomatic prolongation of the QT interval is a useful marker of the cardiotoxic potential of a drug, it is only a surrogate marker of cardiotoxicity and it is difficult to establish the threshold for a clinically significant prolongation of the QT interval. Thus, identification of risk factors that may precipitate prolongation of the QT interval into life-threatening arrhythmias becomes an important issue (see Table 4 for a synopsis). Widespread knowledge of these risk factors should help to avoid misprescriptions leading to cardiotoxicity.

The clinical use of drugs that are known to prolong the QT interval is not necessarily associated with an increased occurrence of ventricular arrhythmias, unless high dosage, i.v. route of administration (especially at high injection rates: e.g. erythromycin) or concomitant metabolic inhibitors are used or other risk factors (Table 4) coexist. For instance, a recent study suggests that long-term anti-psychotic medication at conventional doses does not increase ventricular tachyarrhythmias in patients without cardiac disease, despite evidence for prolonged QTc interval and QTc dispersion [2]. Further clinical studies with appropriate statistical power should evaluate the cardiotoxic potential of currently licensed drugs that fall into one of those classes

**Table 4** Risk factors for the occurrence of torsades de pointes\*

#### Subject related

- Congenital long QT syndrome; QTc > 440 ms; increased QT dispersion
- Female gender
- Clinically significant bradycardia (< 50 beats per minute), history of symptomatic arrhythmias or any other clinically significant heart disease
- Electrolyte imbalance (especially hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia)
- Impaired hepatic/renal function
- Hypothyroidism

#### Drug-related

- Concomitant treatment with drugs with known potential for
  - Pharmacokinetic interactions with CYP3A4 isoenzyme inhibitors: e.g., serotonin reuptake inhibitors, HIV protease inhibitors, zileuton
  - Pharmacokinetic (inhibition of CYP3A isoenzyme)/pharmacodynamic (intrinsic class III effect) interactions: e.g. macrolide antibacterials (e.g. erythromycin), azole antifungals (e.g. ketoconazole)
  - Pharmacodynamic interactions: e.g. anti-arrhythmics (class I and III), drugs inducing electrolyte imbalance such as diuretics (risk of hypokalaemia)

\* A recent paper provides useful information to discriminate electrocardiographic artefacts mimicking ventricular tachycardia [179].

with recognised QT-prolonging effect and guide the risk-benefit assessment of these compounds.

Concerning newly licensed drugs, the availability of many new agents and changes in medication consumption patterns over the years threaten to exacerbate problems such as misprescribing, medication errors and undetected interactions. In this setting, post-marketing surveillance becomes essential in ensuring drug safety [28]. Although the right solution to misprescribing of a useful drug with a significant, albeit minor, cardiotoxic potential is not necessarily its withdrawal from the market, it should be acknowledged that, in some cases, the complexities of prescribing information may be difficult to implement. The potential for drug interactions (namely those inhibiting the CYP3A4 isoenzyme [29]) is receiving increasing attention both from drug companies and regulatory agencies. The withdrawal of mibefradil in 1998 may be taken as an example of a drug with a sound pharmacological rationale that was difficult to use in a clinical setting because of the potential for drug interactions via CYP3A4 isoenzyme inhibition.

#### Standardization of procedures for regulatory purposes

There are several recent examples of the great impact that the finding of a QT-prolonging effect by non-cardiac drugs during clinical trials has on drug development [30, 31]. A recent paper [32] outlines the various actions that were taken in phase I-III studies to evaluate the electrocardiographic and cardiovascular safety data of sparfloxacin in accordance with the suggestions of an independent international safety board.

The ongoing discussion on the QT-prolonging potential of non-cardiac drugs and its clinical significance does not allow us to provide strict guidelines to

standardise procedures to be followed in the event that a new investigational drug turns out to affect the QT interval. However, the European Agency (EMA) issued a document [33] that offers a useful starting point and should be revised periodically to keep pace with ongoing developments. In this document, the problems encountered in obtaining reliable and meaningful measurements of drug-induced changes of the QT interval in preclinical and clinical studies are briefly discussed. These problems are also outlined in Table 5.

Several authors have already drawn the attention to the inherent difficulties involved in accurate measurement of the QT interval. A recent review [34] discusses possible answers to issues related to QTc prolongation by non-cardiac drugs (e.g. what is the desired outcome? what is the dependent variable to be measured? what is the appropriate statistical analysis?). For the evaluation of potential clinical risks associated with QTc changes, individual QTc changes rather than mean values for study populations should be used. Moreover, while changes in QTc indicate a drug effect, absolute QTc values have greater prognostic significance for the occurrence of tachyarrhythmias. In the EMA document [33], the following general guidelines are given on QTc changes (using the Bazett's correction) relative to baseline measurements (see also [34] for a discussion): (1) individual changes below 30 ms are generally thought unlikely to raise significant concerns about the potential risk of arrhythmias; (2) individual changes between 30 ms and 60 ms are more likely to represent a drug effect and raise concern about the potential risk of arrhythmias; and (3) individual changes greater than 60 ms raise clear concerns about the potential risk of arrhythmias.

The possible use of QT dispersion rather than QT prolongation as a risk predictor is also being investi-

Table 5 Problems encountered in obtaining reliable and meaningful measurements of drug-induced changes of the QT interval

#### Patient variability

- High intraindividual (circadian variation; law of regression to the mean [180]) and interindividual variability (males vs females; infants vs adults) in QTc values
- Variability in the individual metabolic capacity for a given drug

#### Measurement of QT interval

- Variability in the heart rate (different formulas to correct the QT value for heart rate)
- Changes in T wave morphology and occurrence of U waves (may be important warning signs and precede the occurrence of torsades de pointes)
- Lack of a strict definition of normal and abnormal values
- Lack of reliable correlation between readings from Holter recordings and standard ECG
- Lack of standardisation of automated ECG readings

#### Pharmacokinetics

- Timing of ECG measurements with respect to peak/steady state drug plasma concentrations
- Need to consider plasma concentrations of both parent drug and its significant metabolites (especially if they display class-III anti-arrhythmic effects)
- Need for enantioselective methods to monitor plasma concentrations of racemic compounds

#### Data analysis and interpretation

- Definition of the dependent variable (raw QTc interval vs maximal QTc interval vs maximal QTc change from baseline vs area under the QTc interval-time curve vs QTc dispersion; see ref. [34])
- Statistical power of the study
- What is the threshold for a clinically significant change in QTc/QT dispersion?



gated [2, 33]. Increased QT dispersion (i.e. the difference between the maximum and minimum QT across the 12-lead ECG) is considered a marker of uneven cardiac repolarisation. Although the cellular basis for QT dispersion is not completely understood, interest in this parameter has been fuelled by the finding in animal studies that increased dispersion lowers the ventricular fibrillation threshold and facilitates induction of re-entrant arrhythmias. Clinically, QT dispersion is being investigated as a predictor of long-term mortality in patients with acute myocardial infarction and clinical evidence of heart failure [35].

Several cases should be considered when characterising the effects of non-cardiac drugs on QTc intervals: a compound may have no effect on QTc; it may have a minor effect that is considered clinically insignificant; and, in rare instances, there may be a clinically significant effect, but the risk at therapeutic doses may be overwhelmed by the benefit achieved in a specific clinical condition for which no alternatives are available.

A crucial issue in the evaluation of studies reporting no effect of a given compound on the QT interval is the statistical power of the study. Insufficient statistical evidence for a difference does not necessarily mean that there is no difference, and studies reporting the effects on QT interval should always discuss their statistical power. This issue should be kept in mind when considering some of the early studies reported in Table 2, which were not specifically designed to detect changes in QT interval.

When a non-cardiac drug significantly affects the QTc interval, the overall clinical significance depends on a number of parameters (dose-response relationship; likelihood of pharmacokinetic interactions, etc.) that should be evaluated in relation to the proposed clinical use. Consistency in this evaluation process for regulatory purposes is mandatory.

Looking for European Public Assessment Reports at the EMEA internet site, we found that documents concerning the following non-cardiac drugs mentioned effects on the QT interval: alatrofloxacin, emedastine, levoacetylmethadol, mizolastine, olanzapine, samarium [<sup>153</sup>Sm] leixidronam pentasodium, sparfloxacin and trovafloxacin.

Levoacetylmethadol is an example of a drug which, although prolonging the QT interval, was recently licensed by the European Agency (EMA), with the recommendation to perform additional comparative studies with methadone as well as in vitro electrophysiological studies to evaluate the risk of cardiac conduction and repolarisation changes.

In our opinion, licensing a new non-cardiac drug with QT-prolonging potential, with the recommendation to perform additional studies, may be justified when major innovation is achieved with respect to existing therapies. On the contrary, if the compound does not represent significant innovation, the recommendation to perform additional studies on the QT-prolonging effect should be a prerequisite to obtain marketing authorisation.

### Future perspectives

In the next few years, basic and clinical pharmacologists will have to address a number of issues concerning the re-assessment of licensed medicinal products and new drug development.

For currently licensed non-cardiac drugs with QT-prolonging potential, a formal assessment (pharmacoepidemiological studies) of relative risks for patients exposed to these agents will enable a formal risk-benefit assessment and identification of possible additional risk factors due to the underlying disease or concomitant medication. In case risk factors are identified, amendment of the summary of product characteristics is a necessary step, but often turns out to be ineffective to ensure safe drug utilisation. Amendments to the summary of product characteristics combined with "Dear Doctor letters" seems to be a more appropriate action.

For investigational new drugs, the following needs emerge:

1. Structure-activity studies joining the efforts of medicinal chemists and molecular pharmacologists could lead to associate a definite pharmacophore with an action on a specific ion channel, hence on a given portion of the atrial and/or ventricular action potential; this *in silico* approach will help the preclinical development of investigational new drugs.
2. Standardisation of procedures in preclinical in vitro and in vivo studies (especially as regards QT measurements) to screen those molecules having a QT-prolonging potential on the basis of *in silico* predictions.
3. Carefully designed phase I-III studies, especially for those drugs that appear to have a discrete, albeit small, effect on the QT in preclinical tests. In these cases, it would be unwise to try "to prove the null hypothesis" (which, strictly speaking, can never be proven) resorting to studies that claim no difference between drug and placebo with inadequate statistical power. Identifying the percentage of "outliers" (i.e. those patients that have greater QT prolongation) may also be a useful guide to assess risk in subjects treated with a new agent versus comparators. Parallel in vitro electrophysiological studies will help to define the pharmacological profile and cardiotoxic potential of these investigational new drugs and may become part of standard regulatory requirements.

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